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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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Society's Work for December, 1884.

ORGANIZED CHARITY, A HELP-MEET FOR BENEVOLENCE.—An eminent London clergyman (the Bishop of Bedford) said recently, that a dozen years ago when he heard of the proposal to start a society to "organize charity," he thought what a Quixotic idea it was to think of bringing into any system or order, or to confine within any limits, so erratic, although so beautiful and heavenly an impulse as benevolence. Then when he had heard and read more about the Society, he gradually came to think it very useful for the detection of imposture. But later on he came to London, and after working for 3 years at the East End, he had come to regard the Society as doing a great and blessed work, not only in doing a great deal to relieve substantial distress, but especially in educating the people into a spirit of independence, of thrift, and self-reliance. "Educating the people" is the first duty of charity;—to really help the poor you must begin by teaching them to help themselves.

And this is what the Charity Organization Society of the City of New York does through its District Committees, Friendly Visitors and Agents.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received... 2,594 Number of Reports sent out... 585
New cases and removals... 1,820 Special Investigations made... 221
Total Number of Reports on File, 72,702.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....	934	Procured relief for.....	142
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	2
Charity.....	424	Secured work for.....	130
False addresses.....	19	Made self-supporting.....	62
Worthy continuous relief		Emigrated.....	6
" temporary.....	101	Families broken up.....	1
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	300	pressed.....	20
Unworthy of relief.....	81	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, &c.....	134
lums, &c.....	22	Friendly Visitors on duty	88

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 77 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
12 Begging Letter-writers.	30 in cheap lodging-houses.
32 Sidewalk beggars.	18 in their own homes.
36 House-to-house beggars.	17 gave false addresses.
4 Society "rounders."	3 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:
11 helpless through infirmity.*
59, or 78 per cent., able-bodied.
7 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
3 needy and worthy.*
7 had ample means.
31 shiftless and idle.
35 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 42 warned, directed and counselled, 16 committed for 1 to six months, 7 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing to:—

Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Hibernian Union Club.	alias Home for Children, and
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Aged Men, St. Nicholas ave. and
Institute for Children, 9 Living-	153d street.
ston Place.	Penal Reform Aid.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n	Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Children's Benefit Soc.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	Reform Charity Union.
Minerva Home.	Society of Holy Innocents,
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship	St. Stephen's Guild.
Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
N. Y.)	East 164th Street.
	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Some swindlers in this line are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Altner, Jettie.	McCary, Patrick and Ann.
Baldwin, Mary.	McGloin, Margaret al. Mary.
Bowley, Angelina M.	McManus, Thos. and Sarah.
Borrebach, Adrian & Ida.	Magnus, Louis and Margaret.
Burns, Mary.	Mansfield, al. Morton, W. M.
Cane, or Cone, Mrs.	Marshall, John and Ellen.
Carlisle, al. Dean, Sarah.	Massey, Robert C.
Carr, James and Margaret.	Montigny, Theodore.
Clinton, Daniel M.	Morton, see Mansfield.
Cohen, Joseph.	Murray, Mary and Carrie.
Connolly, Sophia.	Nemely, Elka.
Coughlan, Francis and Nora.	Nickerson, Mrs. (Street Beggar.)
Dean, see Carlisle.	Omer, Wm. B. and Mary.
De Fay, Dorothea and Emma.	Peterson, (cold.) Robt. al. Jas. al.
Eller, Henry.	William Josephine al. Amelia.
Folsom, Wm. H. and Mary.	Pirie, Dr. John Dassin.
Gerner, Alexander.	Potter, Phebe and Mary.
Godied,	Reeves, Johanna.
Gotthold,	Sage,
Gottled,	Sherman, } Saml. P. and Emma.
Gottleid,	Sonntag, Mr.
Goldberg, Harris.	Stokes, James.
Hammersmith, Mrs.	Taylor, James.
Howell, Bertram and Mary.	Tully, Margaret.
Johnson, Matilda.	Van Riper, Mrs.
	White, Mary.

A respectable looking woman is at present soliciting for the "Howard Mission" without authority, and its officers desire her arrest.

Look out also for unknown and irresponsible persons pretending to collect relief for individual cases of distress.

Contributions, December, 1884.

Abeel, John H.....	\$10 00	Moore, James.....	10 00
Arnold, Dr. E. S. F.....	10 00	Mott, Mrs. J. L. D.....	5 00
Auffmordt, C. A.....	50 00	Munro, George.....	10 00
Ayer, Mrs. J. C.....	50 00	McAlpin, D. H. & Co.....	100 00
Barney, Mrs. C. T.....	10 00	McKesson, Mrs. John.....	5 00
Bernheimer & Schmid.....	25 00	McKibbin, George.....	10 00
Beyer, George H.....	10 00	McKim, Robt. V.....	10 00
Billings, Frederick.....	50 00	Naumburg, Mrs. E.....	10 00
Binsse, L. B.....	5 00	Parrish, James C.....	50 00
Blakeman, Birdseye.....	10 00	Parsons, Mrs. Edwin.....	5 00
Boyd, John Scott.....	25 00	Parsons, Joseph H.....	10 00
Brown, Miss Helen.....	5 00	Parsons, Wm. Barclay.....	10 00
Bryson, Mrs. P. M.....	50 00	Parsons, W. H.....	10 00
Budge, Henry.....	5 00	Pell, John H.....	5 00
Butler, Charles.....	10 00	Peters, Rev. Dr. T. M.....	10 00
Cammack, Addison.....	100 00	Phelps, Mrs. A. G.....	10 00
Cary, Mrs. W. F. Jr.....	5 00	Powers, Wm. P.....	10 00
Cash, "C. G.".....	10 00	Pyne, M. Taylor.....	10 00
Cash, "J. S. L.".....	5 00	Quackenbush, S.....	10 00
Chesebrough, Robt. A.....	10 00	Ranger, Mrs. Louis.....	10 00
Cook, Mrs. Catherine E.....	10 00	Richard, Mrs. O. L.....	5 00
Crocker, George A.....	10 00	Rives, Mrs. F. R.....	10 00
Cutting, R. Fulton.....	50 00	Robbins, Chandler.....	10 00
Day, Henry.....	10 00	Robbins, Miss H. L.....	5 00
Denny, Thomas.....	10 00	Roberts, Mrs. M. O.....	10 00
Dortie, Miss A.....	10 00	Robertson, Touro.....	50 00
Ehret, Mrs. George.....	10 00	Roosevelt, Miss Anna S.....	5 00
Elliott, John.....	5 00	Rowland, George.....	10 00
Ellis, Mrs. A. M.....	5 00	Schermerhorn, W. C.....	60 00
Evarts, Hon. Wm. M.....	10 00	Schleffelin S. B.....	5 00
Farnham, Dr. Horace P.....	10 00	Scriven, John H.....	10 00
Farr, Mrs. James M.....	10 00	Sheldon, James O.....	10 00
Ferguson, Edward.....	25 00	Sieker, Rev. J. H.....	5 00
Ford, John R.....	25 00	Smith, Mrs. J. Tuttle.....	5 00
Friend of 23d St. Tabernacle.....	10 00	Smith, Mrs. W. Hart.....	5 00
Geolet, Mrs. Sarah.....	10 00	Southworth, Mrs. E. W.....	10 00
Goodhue, Chas. C.....	10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lisenard.....	10 00
Grace Church.....	50 00	Strong, Charles E.....	10 00
Griswold, B. W.....	10 00	Stuyvesant, Rutherford.....	100 00
Hall, Bolton.....	5 00	Swayne, Wager.....	10 00
Halsey, Mrs. Frederic R.....	10 00	Swords, Gen. Thos.....	5 00
Halstead, Jacob.....	25 00	Taller, E. N.....	5 00
Herrman, Mrs. Henry.....	50 00	Taylor, Alfred J.....	25 00
Hewitt, Miss A. B.....	25 00	Thomas, Samuel.....	10 00
Heye, Mrs. Gustavus.....	10 00	Tileston, Mrs. Henry.....	5 00
Hill, Edward.....	50 00	Townsend, Effingham.....	10 00
Hodgman, G. F.....	5 00	VanderPoel, Mrs. J. A.....	10 00
Hubbard, Thos. H.....	10 00	VanderPoel, Dr. S.....	25 00
Johnston, John Taylor.....	10 00	Van Rensselaer, Miss C. G.....	10 00
Jones, George.....	10 00	Wadsworth, Julius.....	100 00
Kelly, Mrs. Eugene.....	50 00	Wales, Salem H.....	5 00
Kent, William.....	10 00	Warren, G. Henry.....	20 00
Keteltas, Mrs. E. M.....	5 00	Watrous, Mrs. Chrs.....	5 00
Kip, George G.....	25 00	Welling, Chas. H.....	10 00
Kuhn, Loeb & Co.....	100 00	Wheelwright, Mrs. B. F.....	10 00
Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.....	10 00	Wheelwright, Miss E. G.....	10 00
Law, John S.....	10 00	Whitehouse, W. F.....	10 00
Lawrence, George N.....	5 00	Williams, I. F.....	5 00
Leclerc, Miss Louisa H.....	10 00	Wisner, Wm. H.....	10 00
Lord, D. D.....	25 00	Witherbee, Silas.....	10 00
Man, A. P.....	5 00	Yuengling, D. G. Jr.....	10 00
Milnor, Mrs. C. E.....	5 00		

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, Jos. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

This Committee has treated 58 cases in December, 30 being new; it has also directed 11 others. It has placed 2 in hospitals or asylums; procured relief for 21, found regular employment for 13, and occasional work for 7. 11 have been made self-supporting, 1 has been emigrated where work was found, 1 family has been moved to a healthier home, and 3 frauds have been exposed.

Work is wanted for 15 women at washing or general work, 8 who do light work or sewing, 3 nurses for the sick, 2 young girls to care for children or tend store, 3 house painters, 1 oyster man, 1 carpenter, several laborers, and men for furnace work.

CASE 210.—A year ago, a Swiss watchmaker, with his wife and two children, returned to this City from Chicago, where he had gone, hoping to better his fortunes. His savings had all been used in traveling, he was unable to find any employment, and applied at this office for work of any kind to save him from dependence on charity. Our Committee found a place in a watchmaker's shop, where he worked for small wages till better could be procured. Through the interest of his employer's wife, tailoring work was found for the woman, who did it well, and the family were thus kept from want until Spring; when his employer obtained a place for the man in a down-town manufactory, where, being a good workman, he received \$16 a week. He still retains this place, and maintains his family, happy in his independence.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

19 new cases were treated by this Committee in December, and 25 others were directed. 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 12, permanent work obtained for 5, temporary work for 15; 7 were thus made self-supporting, 7 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 14 women at washing, ironing or cleaning, 1 man as a professional nurse, 1 stone cutter, 1 salesman, light porter, or light work of any kind. All can be recommended.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 449.—A middle-aged, childless widow, acting as copyist, was brought to our notice by her employer, who said she was ill and friendless. Investigation proved her to be far gone in consumption, and suffering severely from want of suitable care. By advice of her physician she was taken to a hospital, but not content with her treatment, she returned to her room and placed her savings in the hands of a Visitor, who by careful management procured nursing and food for her, for three months, and a decent burial, when at the end of that time she died. In other hands the small sum would have been exhausted early. The aged mother, who at last was found, living at a distance, and very poor, expressed heartfelt gratitude that her daughter had been thus cared for, and saved from a pauper's death and burial.

A physician states to us the case of a family visited by him where the wife was ill, and the husband a drunken, shiftless fellow. On being asked why he did not support his family by his work, he replied, **"It don't pay me. When I am idle and drinking my family are well supplied by charitable people and societies who pity them, but when I work, although my pay is small, everyone thinks we are doing well enough, and we get no relief."**

The above frank confession expresses the conviction of many idle, dissolute men, and is commended to the consideration of dispensers of alms.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During December, 35 cases have been treated, 28 of which were new. 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 14, regular work secured for 1, temporary work for 9, 1 being rendered self-supporting.

Employment is wanted for 8 women at washing or scrubbing, 5 nurses, 1 dressmaker, 4 laborers, 2 carpenters, 2 masons, 1 hotel steward.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 419.—A consumptive, over-worked widow, with four children, living in two dark, underground rooms, formerly used as a stable. The oldest daughter, 14, supports the family by washing, earning \$7 a week, and working on Sunday to do so. After examination by one of our physicians, the woman's case was reported to the lady who sent it, and who at once decided to bear the expense of removal. Two good rooms above ground were secured, and the family comfortably settled. It was necessary to hire a carriage to remove the mother, but the owner seeing the state of affairs refused payment. The gratitude and pleasure of the family repaid all trouble. Their benefactress will pay the rent, supply what the daughter cannot earn, and in the event of the mother's death, will provide homes for the children.

No. 235.—A widow with one son, wanting work, not charity, has been cared for many months by the Visitor. Through the missionary of a neighboring church, a position has been secured for her as janitress of an apartment house in Harlem, where she gives satisfaction. The families in the house have taken an interest in her, and secured work for her outside of her duties there, thus rendering her self-supporting.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In December, 41 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 28 were new. 1 was placed in a City hospital, relief was procured for 12, permanent work secured for 2, temporary work for 18; 1 was helped to learn skill, 5 were made self-supporting, and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 1 waiter, 1 barber, 1 fireman, 1 stableman, 1 harness maker, and 3 laborers; any of them would tend furnaces. Also for 10 women at cleaning, washing or ironing, 6 women for plain and fine sewing, 2 aged women, quite active, are willing to work for a home.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 17. A wife expressed anxiety about the physical condition of her husband, and asked for a physician to examine him. This was done, and he was found fully able to work. A place was found for him at Long Branch, as waiter, at \$16 a month and board, leaving his wife with one child, two years, to care for. It was planned for her to leave her child in a Day Nursery, and use her day time for work, but this she was unwilling to do, preferring to be "relieved." When the Long Branch season closed, another and a permanent place was found for the husband in a first-class city restaurant, where the rules required him to shave off his moustache. This he refused to accept, as it would hurt his looks; accounting his moustache of more value than his independence and self-respect, and feeling assured that "charity" (?) would take good care of him while he remained idle.

CASE 74.—Father, a tailor, inefficient, intemperate and shiftless. The mother and 4 children supported mainly by various relief societies and benevolent individuals. This relief was shared by the father and assisted in strengthening his evil habits. With the wants of himself and his family provided for, he seemed content. The Committee recommended discontinuance of aid, feeling that it was a positive injury. A kind and wise Visitor was given charge of the case. She labored earnestly with the man, and finally succeeded in rousing his better nature, until he renounced his evil habits and sought work. This he found, but it was very poorly paid for, as he was a poor workman. In the meantime his wife and children were allowed to take meals at the Coffee House occasionally, whenever they seemed to be really in need. No material relief was sent to the house. The Visitor continued her efforts, the man was encouraged, and seemed anxious to do better work and to support his family. He recently obtained a situation from a gentleman who had been watching him and his efforts to do better, and he now receives very fair compensation and is able to care for his family in an economical manner. He has discontinued drinking, and is industrious, kind to his family and devotes all his earnings to their support. They are doing well in every way, and "charity" is relieved from the burden of their maintenance. Who can compute the moral and physical gain to this family, of the change in treatment, the saving to relief societies and benevolent individuals in avoidance of misplaced alms, and the benefit to the community in transforming a family of deteriorating paupers into wholesome elements of society.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Rob't. W. DeFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

53 cases have been cared for during December, 30 of which were new, and 33 others have been directed. 3 were placed in private institutions, 3 in City hospitals or asylums; relief was procured for 6, 1 was aided by a loan on security, permanent work was secured for 12, occasional work for 20, 12 were thus rendered self-supporting, 12 were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 1 was emigrated where self-support awaited him, and 3 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 2 cooks, 1 woman for light housework, and several saleswomen and laundresses; and also, 2 first-rate drivers, 1 book-keeper, and 1 shipping clerk, with 4 years' references.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 13.—A curious case is that of a woman 73 years old, purporting to be a sailor's widow, reduced to extreme poverty by sickness, sorrow and death. Of five children reared to maturity with struggle and effort, 2 had died of consumption, and 2 of heart disease; and she was now left with only the oldest, who was deaf and crippled with rheumatism, living in an attic without work or money, and almost desperate at the prospect of ejectment, when the exorbitant rent should be demanded. A Visitor was appointed, and the case treated, as it seemed a worthy and very pitiful one. A room was obtained and furnished with every comfort and necessity for house-keeping by a benevolent gentleman. Suitable light work at liberal pay was procured for the mother, also the services of a physician, medicine, nourishment and bedding for the sick daughter. More than a year passed, during which the Visitor met occasional appeals for further aid, not doubting its necessity. At last, the supposed victims of heart disease, the long mourned for son and daughter, showed themselves. The mother had disowned them at their marriages, and through them came the exposure of her real condition. It was ascertained that she had been in receipt of a monthly pension of \$6.00, and her fuel, from the old Fire Department, also, a quarterly payment of \$6.00 from another source, also relief from three churches, the whole, added to their usual earnings, being an ample supply for all their needs. On being faced with these facts, she expressed indignation that the Visitor had pried into her affairs, and volunteered the information that "there was a situation open at the City Hall for anyone smart enough to mind their own business." The three churches who had helped the mother, each supposing she was their exclusive charge, were within half a mile of each other, two of them being of the same denomination.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 67 cases taken up during December, 51 being new; also, 17 directed. 15 were placed in private asylums and institutions, 2 in City hospitals; relief was procured for 16, 1 was aided by a loan, regular work secured for 3, occasional work for 17, 3 were rendered self-supporting.

Work is wanted for 15 women to do day's work, 9 women for washing at home, 6 boys from 12 to 18 willing to do any work, 10 men to tend furnaces, 2 nurses well recommended, 4 seamstresses, 1 cook, (colored.)

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 527. An old woman of 60, habitually receiving assistance from a leading relief society, aroused the suspicion of a lady connected with it, who referred the case for investigation. It was learned that she had a married daughter in Philadelphia, said to be in very comfortable circumstances, but whose address the old woman refused to give. Learning her daughter's name, her address was found in the Philadelphia Directory, and she was written to. The answer proved what was suspected, that the old woman possessed ample means to keep her comfortable for many years. This letter was shown to the lady who sent the case, and the old woman was faced with the facts. She will not again apply to that society for relief.

No. 545.—A young woman, very neat and respectable in appearance, came asking "only work" for herself and husband. She told a pitiful tale of suffering and want. There were four children under ten; her husband, a very delicate man, was able to do only the very lightest kind of work. He had been employed all last Summer on the Steamer "Drew," and had been out of work since that Steamer ceased running. She herself was a fine sewer, and had always been able to contribute toward the support of the family, but since the birth of her last child she had had very little to do.

Investigation showed that the woman's story was true in every particular, and that the family were really suffering for want of the necessities of life, yet they asked not for charity—"only work." Fortunately, we were able to procure light work for the man within two days of the time the woman applied, and although the wages are small, it is still sufficient to keep them above want. We have not yet succeeded in procuring work for the woman, and would be very glad of any offer of work for her.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 53 Third Avenue, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During December, 260 cases were dealt with, 100 being new. 322 were counselled and directed, there were 114 consultation cases. 4 were placed in private institutions, relief was procured for 61, regular work secured for 2, temporary work for 6, 3 were made self-supporting, 1 was helped by development, 1 was emigrated where work was to be found, 2 were sent to relatives who could care for them, 1 family was broken up to save the children, and 9 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 12 women on the west side, 9 laborers with families, 6 watchmen or porters, 2 drivers, 2 waiters, 2 bookkeepers, 1 professional nurse.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES—A sick widow, consumptive, was discharged from the——hospital as incurable, without strength to work or friends to help. Her statement was that she was directed to this office for means to reach her parents in Delaware, with whom also her three children lived, and who were too poor to pay her passage home. Temporary lodgings were secured for her. Her story was investigated, and corroborated by telegraph. Means were procured from proper sources, and in less than 24 hours after her application here she was comfortably and tenderly despatched to her friends.

An accomplished and delicate young woman, who had been a governess, had lost her place without fault of her own, and for many months had vainly sought another. When means and hope were exhausted, and her spare clothing pawned, she applied here for a loan, and while here, so great was her physical and mental prostration, that she fainted in the office and had to be sent home. Her unblemished character was speedily established, a loan was effected for her, and the help of the Young Women's Christian Association was asked to secure a proper position for her. After a very few weeks an excellent place was found for her in one of the beautiful homes on the upper Hudson, and with a family of the highest character. But then her loan was exhausted, and still her wardrobe was in pawn, and even that somewhat insufficient for her new situation. Fearing that an exposure of her extreme poverty to her employers might qualify her prospects with them, another loan was got for her, and speedily she fitted herself out and went to her duty. Her choicest expectations were realized, and her letters to the Society were rapturous with gratitude and delight with her changed conditions. Promptly, as agreed, the remittances came until her loans were both paid off; and independent and contented she seems amply provided for for many years to come.

PROFESSIONAL BECCARS.

No. 160.—A lad, 19 years old, an oyster opener by trade, but who had not worked for years, had become an idle, incorrigible beggar. It was found that he supported his mother and a sister by begging. Being arrested for the second time, he was taken to court and was committed for three months.

No. 232.—A half-paralyzed candy pedlar pleads that he "is about to be dispossessed for non-payment of rent," with an improbable story of having given a \$50 bill in change for a \$1 bill, which caused his embarrassment. Being very plausible he gathered enough to keep himself and a confederate, both of whom live in the most degraded conditions. He is an ex-gambler and faro dealer, whose vicious habits have sunk him so low that his friends have all deserted him. The only adequate relief for him is the alms-house.

No. 306.—An Irish beggar of 65, pretending to be blind, wore a green cloth over his eyes, and slowly felt his way with a stick, and waited for ladies to assist him to cross the streets. Occasionally he would raise his head, peep under his shade, and seeing everything "all right," put on his hat and walk briskly to another location, where he would again practise his deception. He was taken to court and committed to the Island for six months. Two days later, a son called at the Central Office and stated that his father had no need to beg, as the son owned two trucks and horses, and another son was earning good wages, and the mother kept house for the sons and husband. Investigation found the family well to do, and except the father, favorably spoken of. The sons agreeing that he should not again offend, the Society secured his discharge.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Charity Organization Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.,

is again opened. Members are requested to bear this in mind in ordering their fall supply, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

The Special attention of Churches and Societies is called to the many advantages of using the Wood Yard as a Labor-test for every able-bodied male applicant for relief.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strive to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if steadily given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX-CONVICTS.—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by *going with them*) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for discharged Convicts, 40 East Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

N. B.—We are gratified to know that our *Monthly Bulletin* has proved helpful to our constituents and members, and has fulfilled, to so great a degree, its purpose in protecting them against unworthy so-called charitable enterprises, and against many of the most adroit professional beggars of the City. We however find that the expense attending this department necessitates our withholding the Bulletin from all who do not pay their Annual dues. We trust that the helpfulness of the Bulletin, added to the great value to the community, both rich and poor, of the general work of the Society, will induce all friends to renew their memberships, and thus enable the Society to fulfill its pledges to the public. Hereafter, the Bulletin will no longer be sent to any persons whose membership fees are more than 6 months overdue. The Society is confident that in its full registration, its facilities for investigation, the protection it affords, the assurance it gives of efficient treatment of the poor in its charge, and its present success in repressing mendicancy and in preventing the waste of charity, it offers much more than an equivalent for the cost of membership; and is as indispensable to the welfare of every household and to the whole community as any social or civic appliance among us. The present season imposes great labor upon the Society in the interest of the truest charity; and all its friends are earnestly requested to aid its Treasury in meeting its necessary expenses.

Annual Memberships, \$10. Life Membership, \$100, and upwards.

Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

S. O. VANDERPOEL, M.D., Pres.
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Station D.
Telephone No. 380, 21st st.**A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.****CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 Fourth Ave., February 15th, 1885.****Society's Work for January, 1885.**

Is it WORTH THE Cost?—The poor, worthy and unworthy, are all around us. What shall we do for them? Some one really or apparently cold and hungry stops you on the street or calls at your door and asks for food and shelter or the means to get them. If you knew the truth of their story, you would instantly help the needy and deserving, and dismiss the impostor. But you do not and cannot know the truth. You have felt hitherto that you must either give blindly to the probable encouragement of fraud, or refuse all to the possible neglect of some worthy, famishing, helpless ones.

The Charity Organization Society has been formed to supply the missing link. It has a system by which every case of supposed need may be referred to those persons and societies who stand ready to supply such need; and by which all who wish to give food, clothing, fuel, money, work, instruction, or any other help, may be directed to worthy objects.

It has been demonstrated that this system of investigation, registration and co-operation among benevolent persons and agencies can be carried out at a cost of \$1,200 for each of the Society's districts, or at a cost of \$10 to each annual member. If all would co-operate and join the Society it would save millions of money annually from a waste which pauperizes and degrades the recipient, would guide other millions where it would do the most good, and would be worth untold millions in character and moral elevation to the struggling and depressed. Is it not worth all it costs, and is it not invaluable to every household and every citizen alive to their social responsibilities?

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received...3,344 | Number of Reports sent out...702
New cases and removals...2,209 | Special Investigations made...373
Total Number of Reports on File, 76,046.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....1,425	Procured relief for..... 214
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans..... 6
Charity..... 418	Secured work for..... 152
False addresses..... 26	Made self-supporting..... 84
Worthy continuous relief 36	Emigrated..... 11
“ temporary ” 176	Families broken up..... 1
Needing work instead of	Frauds exposed or sup-
relief..... 412	pressed..... 39
Unworthy of relief..... 135	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pitals, Churches, &c... 531
lums, &c..... 25	Friendly Visitors on duty 128

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER,

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 77 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
18 Begging Letter-writers.	16 in cheap lodging-houses.
24 Sidewalk beggars.	32 in their own homes.
38 House-to-house beggars.	23 gave false addresses.
6 “ Rounders.”	14 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:
13 helpless through infirmity.*
72, or 77 per cent., able-bodied.
5 blind or crippled, but able to
help support themselves.

THIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
5 needy and worthy.*
22 had ample means.
42 shiftless and idle.
40 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 47 warned, directed and counselled, 12 committed for 1 to six months, 1 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

Contributions, January, 1885.

Appleton, D. S..... \$5 00	Kellogg, Dr. E. M..... \$10 00
Ashwell, Wm. C..... 10 00	Kellogg, L. Laffin..... 10 00
Asten, Thos. B..... 5 00	Kerner, Chas. H..... 5 00
Aston, Mrs. Wm. K..... 5 00	Kingsland, Wm. M..... 10 00
Attwell, Mrs. C. A..... 10 00	Knower, John..... 10 00
Auchincloss, Hugh..... 25 00	Lesinsky, Charles..... 5 00
B—, E..... 5 00	Lewis, Bros. & Co..... 50 00
B—, E. A. L..... 5 00	Lockwood, LeGrand..... 10 00
Bailey, Latimer..... 10 00	Lounsbury, J..... 10 00
Baldwin, Albert H..... 10 00	Mackay, Donald..... 10 00
Barhydt, P. H..... 10 00	Marti, Carlos..... 10 00
Barlow, Mrs. F. C..... 25 00	Martin, & Sons, J. M: C..... 10 00
Barnes, Mrs. John S..... 5 00	Matthews, Albert..... 5 00
Bates, Miss Ada H..... 10 00	Meigs, Mrs. T. B..... 10 00
Beach, Miss Helen..... 10 00	Mendelson, Simon..... 10 00
Bernhard, Benj..... 5 00	Meyer, Christopher..... 5 00
Bernheimer, Mrs. Isaac..... 5 00	Meyer, George A..... 10 00
Billings, Chester..... 10 00	Miller, Charles A..... 10 00
Bishop, H. R..... 50 00	Mills, Mrs. D. O..... 100 00
Bogert, E. C..... 10 00	Minturn, Mrs. John W. . . 10 00
Bond Wm. E..... 5 00	M—, S. E..... 5 00
Bound, Chas. T..... 10 00	Moffat, Miss Cora..... 10 00
Brown, Geo. Alexander..... 25 00	Morgan, Henry K. Jr..... 10 00
Brown, M. Bayard..... 100 00	Morgan, Mrs. J. Pierpont..... 10 00
Brown, Miss Mary A..... 5 00	McMullen, Thomas..... 10 00
Burke, Charles C..... 10 00	Neftel, Mrs. W. B..... 10 00
Burrill, Mrs. John E..... 5 00	Northcote, H. O..... 10 00
Bush, J. Adriaance..... 5 00	Oakman, Walter G..... 10 00
Callender, Miss May..... 10 00	Ogden, Joseph..... 5 00
Carleton, George W..... 10 00	Ogden, Mrs. M.D..... 10 00
Cary, Mrs. W. F., Jr..... 5 00	O'Keefe, Rev. Geo. C..... 10 00
Cash, E. H. R..... 5 00	Othout, Wm..... 5 00
Cash, Mrs. H. A. V. P..... 5 00	Pinchot, Mrs. J. W..... 10 00
Choate, Joseph H..... 25 00	Post, Chas. A..... 5 00
Ch. of the Incarnation..... 25 00	Prichard, W. M..... 25 00
Clark, Miss Emily V..... 3 00	Pyne, Percy R..... 200 00
Clark, Mrs. R. E..... 5 00	Reckendorfer, Mrs. Jas..... 10 00
Coghill, J. H..... 10 00	Richard, Auguste..... 10 00
Colgate, Bowles..... 25 00	Robertson, Gilbert A..... 10 00
Colgate, Mrs. C. C..... 10 00	Rockwell, W. H..... 10 00
Cornwall, J. W..... 5 00	Roosevelt, Hilbourne L. . . 10 00
Coster, Edward H..... 5 00	Roosevelt James A..... 50 00
Crane, Mrs. Wm. N..... 10 00	Rosenfeld, Isaac..... 10 00
Cropper, John..... 10 00	Schalk, Mrs. A..... 10 00
Cutting, Mrs. W. Bayard..... 5 00	Schiffelstein, S. A..... 10 00
Davey, Thomas..... 5 00	Schuyler, George L..... 10 00
Day, Francis E..... 10 00	Schuyler, Philip..... 25 00
DeLafield, Dr. Francis..... 5 00	Schwab, Gustav H..... 10 00
DeRham, Charles..... 10 00	Scribner, Mrs. J. Blair..... 10 00
Dominiuk, Bayard..... 10 00	Seguin, Dr. E. C..... 10 00
Dows, Mrs. David..... 25 00	Simonds, Mrs. Fred. W..... 10 00
Drayton, J. Coleman..... 10 00	Skidmore, Mrs. Jos. R..... 10 00
Drisler, Herman, Jr..... 10 00	Spackman, Wm. M..... 5 00
Durand, Mrs. H..... 5 00	Stebbins, Mrs. M. V..... 5 00
Dwight, Stanley..... 10 00	Stevens, Mrs. Alex. H..... 10 00
Eads, James B..... 10 00	Stevens, F. W..... 5 00
Elder, Henry..... 5 00	Stevens, Miss J. L..... 5 00
Ely, R. S..... 25 00	Sturges, Henry C..... 25 00
Ewart, Wm. & Son, Limit'd 100 00	Swan, Mrs. B. L., Jr..... 10 00
Fahnestock, H. C..... 25 00	Swezey, Noah T..... 10 00
Field, Benj. H..... 10 00	Swift, Mrs. H. H..... 5 00
Fish, Latham A..... 10 00	Talmdage, Mrs. Henry..... 5 00
Fiske, Josiah M..... 10 00	Tilghman, Fred'k B..... 10 00
Frame, Charles P..... 10 00	Titus, Mrs. Elisa A..... 5 00
German Hospital and Dis-	Townsend, R. H. L..... 5 00
pensary..... 100 00	Townsend, Wm. H..... 5 00
Germania Life Ins. Co..... 10 00	Tracy, Charles E..... 10 00
Gillespie, L. C..... 5 00	Tracy, Mrs. Charles..... 10 00
Gwynne, John A..... 10 00	Trinity (P. E.) Church..... 25 00
Halsey, Mrs. Fred. R..... 10 00	Trotter, Wm. Jr..... 10 00
Haven, Mrs. G. G..... 10 00	Tuckerman, Walter C..... 10 00
Hawk & Wetherbee..... 10 00	Van Dyke, Rev. H. J., Jr. . 10 00
Hays, Jacob..... 10 00	Ward, S. G..... 10 00
Hoffman, Rev. C. F., D.D., 10 00	Wellington, W. Brenton..... 20 00
Howell, Mrs. Fred'k H..... 5 00	Wheeler, Miss Laura..... 10 00
Huyler, Jacob..... 5 00	Whitney, A. R..... 10 00
Hyde, Fred'k E., M.D..... 10 00	Worcester, Mrs. E. D..... 5 00
Jackson, Rev. Samuel M..... 10 00	Wyckoff, Henry A..... 20 00
Jarvis, Mrs. J. B..... 10 00	Young, Mrs. C. L..... 5 00
Johnson, Eastman..... 5 00	Young, T. S., Jr..... 50 00
Jones, Mrs. H. Leory..... 10 00	Young, Mrs. T. S., Jr..... 10 00
Jones, the Misses..... 20 00	Zion (P. E.) Church..... 25 00
Kellogg, A. N..... 10 00	

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian & Ida.
Butel, A. H.
Harding, Mary R.
Harris, Ann.
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.
Kiely, Ann Lee.
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.
Lyman, Kate.

Lyon, Cornelia A.
Meyers, Ann.
Sheridan, Mattie.
Smith, Mary Ida.
Solomon, Henry.
Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Williams, Mary Ann.
Wilson, Jane.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Adsch, or Hedsch, John	Lorton, Mary
Ahearn, Mary	Lorenz, Charles
Beattie, Andrew J., alias Carroll,	Lyons, Edward
Coggins and Penfield.	Mansfield, alias Morton, Wm. and Marie.
Brady, Harry	Mills, Mrs.
Bush, John	Moore, Catherine
Butel, A. H.	Morton, (see Mansfield.)
Carr, James and Margaret.	McGee, Kate
Corroll, H. A., (see Beattie.)	McLean, Mrs., (Essex st.)
Carroll, Margaret	Norton, — and Mary
Casey, Francis	Paye, Rosa, Widow
Coggins, H. A., (see Beattie.)	Penfield, H. A., (see Beattie.)
Curren, James	Pigott, William and Isabel
Curran, Margaret	Richardson, James
Curtis, James	Ross, William and Etta
Davies, Aug. and Mary	Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth
Duckett, George	Ryall, John C.
Gosher, Mrs.	Smith Chas. D.
Grady, Mary	Swords, James B. and Louisa.
Grant, Edward, alias James.	Toomey, Michael
Handley, Mary	Weiman, Mrs.
Holden, John J.	White, Thomas or Richard, (see Johnson.)
Irwin, William	White, Mary
Johnson, John, alias White, Thos. or Richard.	
Langdon, Daniel and Ellen	

Ann Myers, alias Ann Williams, alias Ann Harris, alias Jane Wilson, alias Mary Ida Smith, committed in December to the Workhouse for 6 months, for writing begging letters, has secured her release through "political influence." Our members are requested to advise the Society immediately when any of her letters are received.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing to:—

Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children, and Aged Men, St. Nicholas ave. and 153d street.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Penal Reform Aid.
Hibernian Union Club.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School Children's Benefit Soc., A.B.Clark, Manager.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Reform Charity Union.
Institute for Children, 9 Livingston Place.	Society of Holy Innocents, St. Stephen's Guild.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th Street.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
Minerva Home.	
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in N. Y.)	
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Some swindlers in this line are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

This Committee has treated 67 cases, 35 being new; it has also directed 11 others. It has placed 3 in City hospitals, procured relief for 43, secured permanent work for 5, and occasional work for 10. 5 have been made self-supporting, and 1 family has been broken up to enable it to become so.

Work is wanted for 12 good laundresses, 7 laborers willing to do any work, 1 carpenter, 2 stone cutters, 2 good furnace men, also several women for plain sewing, dressmaking, and general house work.

CASE 120.—About a year ago, a physician sent a respectable man to this Society, who, being physically unable to do hard work was out of employment, and too poor to pay a doctor to attend his sick child. His wife had tried hard to maintain the family by sewing, and relatives had helped them, but when the child's long illness resulted in death, not a cent remained. A brother paid the funeral expenses, and the Committee found suitable light work for both man and wife, thus enabling them to pay their debts. Continued interest on the part of the Committee resulted in the man's obtaining a most excellent situation to take charge of a country-seat for two years during the owner's absence, where he could take summer boarders, and receive all profits accruing from a well stocked farm. This man was selected from 50 applicants for the position, because of the recommendation of the Friendly Visitor, who, having long known him, was able to answer for his character. The family are now happily settled, and very grateful.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

52 cases were treated by this Committee in January, of which 30 were new, 24 others were directed. Relief was procured for 24, permanent work secured for 8, temporary work for 17, 2 were helped to learn skill, 10 were made self-supporting, 10 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, 1 was emigrated to the care of relatives, and 5 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 11 women at washing, ironing, &c, 4 seamstresses, 2 saleswomen, 2 hand embroiderers, 1 kindergarten teacher, 1 nurse, 1 man as professional nurse, 1 salesman, 1 currier, 1 cook, 1 waiter, 1 boy to learn plumbing. All can be recommended.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 503.—An extremely delicate woman, with two children, recently came to this city from Maine, seeking her husband who had preceded her by 2 years, to make a home for his family, but whom, she had reason to believe, was deceiving her. She found abundant proof of his perfidy, and ascertained from the clergyman who had performed the service, that he had married a young lady, who, ignorant of the truth, had sailed with him to Florida two days before the wife arrived in this city. Broken in mind and body, without money or friends, she applied to this Society, bringing a letter from the clergyman. A lady with whom the husband had once boarded, and who had kindly received her on her arrival, was visited, and expressed her willingness to care for her till permanent help could be decided upon. An answer to a letter written to friends in England promised her a home there if she could get to it. St. George's Society was then communicated with, and agreed to send the family at once to England if this Society would attend to all minor details. This was cheerfully done, and the family are now safe at home with friends. Proofs of the man's perfidy were sent to the relatives of the young lady's family, who will have needed discipline administered in case of his return to the North.

N.B.—The attention of the residents of the 19th Ward is called to the fact that although the death-rate of the wards in which this District is situated, is greater than that of any other, no provision exists for nursing the sick-poor in their homes. The Agent has been often asked by the attending physician to call upon a family and give directions how to properly prepare sick-food, make poultices, change bed linen, disinfect, &c., and found no one to receive the instructions or look after the invalid but a neighbor, who has a family of her own, and is not over-intelligent. How many lives are thus unnecessarily sacrificed, and will not such a lack intensify the perils of the coming sickly season?

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During January 51 cases have been treated, 27 being new, 8 others were directed, 1 was placed in a city institution, relief was procured for 31, 4 were aided by loans, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 11, 2 were made self-supporting, 1 was emigrated where work was to be found, and 1 family was removed to a healthier abode.

Employment is wanted for 7 women at washing and scrubbing, 2 nurses, 3 seamstresses, 8 laborers, 3 porters, 1 steward, and 2 men to do writing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 431.—About January 1st application was made to us for employment by a book-binder, 3 months out of work, in great distress. The case being investigated brought to our knowledge the following facts. The family, consisting of man and wife and 4 children, (2 children sick) were in absolute starvation, and 3 months in arrears for rent. Their immediate wants were supplied by a co-operating society. Continued investigation gave the man an excellent character. He had worked 10 years in one place, and left it, with the foreman, 2 years ago, to go to another shop. He lost his last place on account of dull business, but his employer will willingly take him back when trade will warrant it. Through the activity of the Friendly Visitor put in charge one month's rent was paid, their needs provided for a little time, and at last employment found for the husband at \$60 per month, the Visitor adding that he will see to it that they do not have to apply for help again.

No. 432.—A man and wife came to us early in January asking assistance to reach Syracuse, their home. They had been at work in the Catskills during the summer, had not received full pay for their services, and came to the City looking for work. The man was taken sick here, they spent their money and pawned their clothes. They had no friends in the City to whom they could refer. During the time necessary to verify their statements they were provided for by interested friends. Relatives in Syracuse very poor, but could shelter them if they were there. By the co-operation of two societies and one individual, funds were raised, tickets purchased, and they were sent home to Syracuse.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In January, 53 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 27 were new. Relief was procured for 17, occasional work secured for 16, 1 was helped to learn skill, 5 were rendered self-supporting, 3 were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 15 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 15 families and 8 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 1 harness maker, 1 waiter, 1 neck-tie cutter, 1 janitor, 1 book-keeper, 1 fireman for boiler, and 1 crippled chair mender to do caning, &c., at home; also, for 6 women at washing and ironing, 4 seamstresses, and 1 woman, well recommended, as saleswoman, copyist or clerk.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 351.—An aged industrious woman, many years a widow, and without children or near relatives, was referred to us for employment. For a long time she had served as a cook, but continued illness had dissipated her earnings, and left her destitute. As old age came on her earnings grew smaller, until at last she served a poor man for a bare sustenance. This employer failing left her destitute and homeless, with no prospect but the almshouse. When sent to us she had temporary shelter in a basement lodging-house, at 10c. a night for a share of the kitchen floor with three other females. Her references justified an endeavor to aid her. Her church, to which we first applied, could not take the trouble to seek work for her, and would not give aid because she had recently lived up-town and could not attend regularly. A relief society consented to give a small amount of provisions each week. Turned out of her lodgings for inability to pay, a kind lady on our solicitation agreed to give her a temporary home until we could find something permanent for her. After 2 weeks further effort we succeeded in finding a permanent place for her at \$5 per month, and board, thus securing adequate provision for her.

No. 382.—On New Year's Day a sensational article in a leading daily appealed for aid to enable a poor English family in this district to return to England, from whence they came three years since. Much relief in money and provisions was sent to the house in consequence. A benevolent gentleman read the article, cut it out and sent it to the Society, offering, if the case was worthy and we advised it, to defray the entire expenses of sending the family to England. Our Agent called at the house and was told by the family that their wants had been provided for by the newspaper appeal, and that none of them had any idea of returning to England. The newspaper that made the appeal was at once apprised of this fact. Further investigations disclosed that the man was an expert weaver of silk elastic hose, able to earn \$30 per week, but that being very dissipated he was unable to retain steady employment, rarely keeping at work over 3 days a week, spending the balance of the time and most of his wages in carousing. The great majority of newspaper appeals investigated by us prove equally unworthy of, or unsuitable for, the aid asked.

N.B.—This Committee desires to receive subscriptions to provide a pension of \$10 per month for an aged, destitute, and worthy woman, for whom the Almshouse seems inappropriate. Particulars may be had of the District Agent.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 112 cases taken up in January, 90 being new, also 6 families, and 5 homeless persons directed. 1 was placed in a private institution, relief was procured for 20, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 6, temporary work for twenty, 3 were made self-supporting.

Work is wanted for 10 women at day's work out, 13 women to do washing at home, 5 seamstresses, 3 nurses, 10 men to tend furnaces or clean sidewalks, 1 carpenter, 3 porters, 1 assistant cook, 3 painters, 2 varnishers, 20 laborers, willing for any work; 6 boys well recommended, and 1 boy anxious to learn a trade.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 547.—A Scotch baker with wife and three children, came to this country last August. Unable to procure work, his small stock of money was soon exhausted, and every disposable article pawned. The family were nearly destitute when first known to this Committee. The man had excellent references from employers in Scotland, was anxious to work, and seemed worthy. Temporary employment was found at once for him, and his family thus kept above want till he procured a position in a bakery in South Brooklyn. Having no money for car fare he walked 5 miles daily to and from his work, and weakened as he was by want, this exertion proved too severe for his strength. A member of the Society advanced a loan sufficient for the removal of his family to cheaper rooms in the neighborhood of the bakery. The work appears to be permanent, and the man has since called to express sincere gratitude, and promises to repay the loan at the earliest moment possible.

No. 649.—An Irish laborer, regularly employed, and thus far barely but fully maintaining his wife and five children, (all under 13,) recently found his sight failing, because of some tiny bits of iron that had blown into his eyes while working in the foundry. It is therefore necessary for him to undergo an operation that will keep him several weeks in a hospital. The very serious question arises, what will meanwhile become of the family deprived of support? Hitherto they have been independent, and it would seem cruel to turn them over to the inadequate help of a relief society, upon whom sufficient assistance would impose too heavy a burden. A Friendly Visitor is greatly needed here; one who by wise and kind supervision of the family in the absence of its head, will encourage them to maintain their self-respect, and keep them from despondency and dependence. The mother and eldest boy are able and willing to work, but will need direction and help in securing it, until the father's recovery.

The work of this Committee is greatly hindered through lack of Friendly Visitors. Will not some of the more favored classes volunteer as helpers and advisers to their depressed and suffering neighbors? We will urge no one to assume the care of more than one case, and many could enlist to this extent.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 53 Third Avenue, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, Agent.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During January, 334 cases were dealt with, 175 of which were new. 7 were placed in private institutions, relief was procured for 55, 1 was aided by a loan, regular work secured for 3, temporary work for 3, 2 were made self-supporting, 2 were emigrated where they could become self-supported, 2 were sent to the care of relatives, and 15 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

Work is wanted for 8 women on west side, 6 laborers with families, 10 porters or watchmen, 3 drivers, 2 book-binders, 1 professional nurse, and 1 draughtsman.

CASE 30.—A young couple starting life under favorable circumstances, the man a laborer, the woman skilled in housework, fell into distress through the man's occasional drunkenness promoted by his parents, and against which his wife's influence did not avail. She sought advice and assistance, which were never denied, and many attempts were made to induce the man to reform. He was not unwilling to do so, but old habits were all powerful, and there followed constant deterioration on his part, and misery on hers, until at last his employer discharged him and he faced stern poverty. At this juncture another effort was made to arouse his manhood, and he was induced to take the pledge before his pastor. Kind sympathy and wise advice were given, a strong appeal was made to his employer, who with great kindness gave him another chance. He is now steadily earning good wages. Persistent care has led this family into peace.

OUT-DOOR OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT.

CASE No. 1068.—A middle-aged man recently appealed to Baptist ministers, with a letter purporting to be written by a minister in Colorado, commending him as a worthy Christian brother and member of his Church, to the aid of Baptists at the East. Applying to one of our constituents of that church, his case was at once referred to us. The telegraph quickly brought back word from Colorado that the letter was forged and the man a fraud. The Baptist ministers were promptly warned; and when the man called again upon our constituent, a subsequent appointment was made, we were notified, and the man was arrested. Upon him were found several similar forged letters, with signatures of Episcopal and Presbyterian ministers in the far West, and also of some in this City. Two recommended him as a worthy deaf-mute, which defect he could assume successfully when it suited. When examined he confessed that he was one of a gang that had written all the letters; and that each night the gang met at a lodging-house and divided their profits. Justice Murray committed him to the Workhouse for six months.

No. 1075.—For months past down-town business men have complained of a one-legged young beggar, who frequented west-side elevated stations, and did a thriving business. At night he was carousing with depraved companions in vile dens. He was several times arrested and discharged with a reprimand, on account of his youth, upon his promise to go to work. His promise not being kept, he was re-arrested and committed by Justice Paterson for 6 months to the City Prison, where he will be taught lessons of industry.

No. 1010.—A leading paper was asked to publish an appeal for a starving family, whom a landlord had cruelly dispossessed while the mother was helplessly ill, she having to lie on the sidewalk until an ambulance made its dilatory appearance. The editor, according to his rule, referred it to this Society for investigation, and it was found that both man and wife were able-bodied, but inveterate drunkards; and their two girls, 12 and 13 years old, had both been committed to a reformatory a few weeks before, one for stealing and the other for begging, leaving but one younger child to support. On Christmas some impulsive friends had sent a barrel of flour and a ton of coal; the flour was sold at half-price, and the coal retailed among the neighbors by the pailful, and the money all spent for liquor. The mother being compelled to go to Charity Hospital to work off the effects of excessive drinking, the man sold all the household effects and used the proceeds in a prolonged debauch. Newspaper appeals are so profitable that many equally unworthy persons are thus advertised, who are fit subjects only for the City authorities to deal with.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Charity Organization Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.,

Members are requested to bear this Yard in mind in ordering their Kindling Wood, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

During January work was given to 243 men, of whom 115 proved willing and industrious. 26 who were sent did not put in an appearance. 101 loads of wood were sold.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strive to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX-CONVICTS.—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by *going with* them) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for Discharged Convicts, 40 East Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

N. B.—We are gratified to know that our *Monthly Bulletin* has proved helpful to our constituents and members, and has fulfilled, to so great a degree, its purpose in protecting them against unworthy so-called charitable enterprises, and against many of the most adroit professional beggars of the City. We however find that the expense attending this department necessitates our withholding the Bulletin from all who do not pay their Annual dues. We trust that the helpfulness of the Bulletin, added to the great value to the community, both rich and poor, of the general work of the Society, will induce all friends to renew their memberships, and thus enable the Society to fulfill its pledges to the public. Hereafter, the Bulletin will no longer be sent to any persons whose membership fees are more than 6 months overdue. The Society is confident that in its full registration, its facilities for investigation, the protection it affords, the assurance it gives of efficient treatment of the poor in its charge, and its present success in repressing mendicancy and in preventing the waste of charity, it offers much more than an equivalent for the cost of membership; and is as indispensable to the welfare of every household and to the whole community as any social or civic appliance among us. The present season imposes great labor upon the Society in the interest of the truest charity; and all its friends are earnestly requested to aid its Treasury in meeting its necessary expenses.

Annual Memberships, \$10. Life Membership, \$100, and upwards.

MONTHLY BULLETIN
OF THE
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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

No. 11.

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., March 15th, 1885.

REMOVAL.

With the increasing confidence and enlarged co-operation of our constituents and members, our work has expanded to that degree that we have entirely outgrown the quarters which the generous hospitality of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has supplied to us for the past two years. The Department of Sanitary Reform, which the same Association have opened, also requires a portion of the rooms now used by us. Under these circumstances, this Society has been compelled to seek a new home, and in doing so, it has seemed wise to take the first step in bringing together, under one roof, as many related benevolent enterprises as possible, to promote the co-operation and efficiency which such close contiguity would make practicable. With this object in view the Society has hired the large house, No. 21 University Place, north-east corner Ninth Street, and has already secured, as co-tenants, the State Charities Aid Association and all of its evolved societies, and hopes to fill the building completely with other charitable associations. It can also let desk-room, at nominal rates, to organizations desiring such proximity but which cannot afford to hire separate rooms. It further proposes to offer the use of its large parlors, seating 100 to 200 persons, to all institutions and societies desiring to hold meetings in the centre of the city, without charge except for light and heat. We hope to make it a headquarters of philanthropic science and activity.

In order to economize our resources and save the diversion of much of our funds to the furnishing of our new quarters, it may be pardonable to suggest that some furniture will be required for the enlarged accommodations; and if any of our friends have chairs, tables, commodores, desks, book-cases, rugs, etc., which the changes of the 1st of May would consign to the attic or the auction-room, and which they feel disposed to contribute to the use of the Society, such donations will be serviceable and acceptable.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The next annual meeting of the Society is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 14th, at Association Hall. Abstracts of the yearly report will be presented, and addresses will be made by able speakers, of which due notice will be given. Our members are earnestly requested to reserve the evening for the consideration of this most important social reform.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received. 2,588 | Number of Reports sent out. 846
New cases and removals. 1,698 | Special Investigations made. 674
Total Number of Reports on File. 78,634.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....	1,328	Procured relief for.....	210
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	6
Charity.....	322	Secured work for.....	171
False addresses.....	52	Made self-supporting.....	105
Worthy continuous relief	48	Emigrated.....	14
" temporary ".....	187	Families broken up.....	2
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	404	pressed.....	51
Unworthy of relief.....	137	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, &c.....	213
lums, &c.....	26	Friendly Visitors on duty	140

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 93 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
13 Begging Letter-writers.	31 in cheap lodging-houses.
18 Sidewalk beggars.	34 in their own homes.
39 House-to-house beggars.	17 gave false addresses.
	4 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:
8 helpless through infirmity.*
58, or 63 per cent., able-bodied.
7 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS: 33 warned, directed and counselled, 10 committed for 2 to six months, 2 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

Contributions, February, 1885.

Adams, Mrs. A. W.	\$5 00	Leaming, J. R., M.D.	\$5 00
Adams, Mrs. T. M.	10 00	Lefferts, Fred'k R.	10 00
Agnew, John T.	10 00	Legg, Mrs. George.	5 00
Alden, Mrs. B. R.	10 00	Levy, Mrs. L.	10 00
Amory, Wm., Jr.	5 00	Leypoldt, Louis.	5 00
Anderson, E. Ellery.	5 00	Loomis, Dr. A. L.	5 00
Angel, Mrs. E. M.	5 00	Lord & Taylor.	25 00
Appleton, Mrs. D. F.	10 00	Loring, D. A.	10 00
Armstrong, Mrs. H.	5 00	Loring, Mrs. D. A.	10 00
Arnold, Constable & Co.	100 00	Macy, Wm. H.	25 00
Avery, Samuel P.	10 00	Mairs, George H.	10 00
Banks, David.	5 00	Marbury, F. F.	10 00
Barclay, J. S.	5 00	Marie, Peter.	10 00
Barlow, Mrs. J.	5 00	Merrill, Payson.	10 00
Bernheimer, Adolph.	10 00	Milbank, Mrs. Jeremiah.	100 00
Bliss, George.	10 00	Miller, George M.	5 00
Bloodgood, John H.	10 00	Minton, Miss S. E.	10 00
Brookfield, William.	10 00	Moore, W. H. H.	25 00
Brühl, Moses.	10 00	Morewood, Miss.	5 00
Bryce, Miss Madeleine.	10 00	Morris, Mrs. A. Newbold.	5 00
Bussing, John S.	10 00	Moulton, Arthur J.	10 00
Campbell, Miss M. L.	5 00	Nelson, Miss H. D.	10 00
Cannon, LeGrand B.	10 00	Nicoll, Dr. Henry D.	10 00
Cash.	5 00	Ogden, Mrs. Wm. B.	10 00
Chamberlain, J. C.	10 00	Otis, Dr. F. N.	10 00
Chandler, Mrs. N.	10 00	Peabody, George L.	5 00
Childs, Harris C.	10 00	Penfold, Miss.	25 00
Clarke, H. B. & Co.	100 00	Penfold, Wm. Hall.	25 00
Clarke, B. G.	100 00	Piza, David M.	10 00
Cochran, Miss Elizabeth.	10 00	Plummer & Co., John F.	10 00
Coddington, Clifford.	10 00	Potter, Mrs. C. N.	5 00
Coddington, Mrs. Clifford.	10 00	Potts, F. A.	10 00
Cottolt, Chas. H.	10 00	Rainsford, Mrs. G. S.	25 00
Davis, John H.	10 00	Remsen, William.	5 00
Day, H. M.	10 00	Rice, Mrs. J. Smith.	10 00
Dean, the Misses.	10 00	Richardson, S. M.	5 00
Dillon, Sidney.	10 00	Riker, John L.	25 00
Dodge, Miss Grace H.	10 00	Ripley, Mrs. J. Dwight.	5 00
Donaldson, John J.	10 00	Roberts, Miss Mary.	10 00
Dresbach, Charles.	10 00	Robinson, Mrs. Sarah D.	10 00
Duggin, Mrs. Chas.	10 00	Rockefeller, John D.	100 00
Dunham, George H.	10 00	Roosa, Dr. D. B. St. John.	5 00
Elis, George W.	110 00	Roosevelt, C. V. S.	50 00
Fairchild, Chas. S.	10 00	Rossiter, Rev. S. B.	5 00
Fairchild, Mrs. Chas. S.	10 00	Rothschild, V. Henry & Co.	5 00
Field, David Dudley.	25 00	Sargent, John O.	5 00
Ford, John R.	25 00	Sayre, Dr. Lewis A.	10 00
Fox, Rev. Norman.	5 00	Schefer, Mrs. Carl.	5 00
Fraser, George S.	10 00	Schirmer, Gustave.	10 00
Fraser, Mrs. George S.	10 00	Schley, W. T.	5 00
French, Francis O.	5 00	Schuyler, Louise Lee.	20 00
" Friend, A.	5 00	Schuyler, S. D.	5 00
Goddard, Fred'k N.	100 00	Schwietering, H. H.	10 00
Goldenberg, Mrs. S.	5 00	Seaman, Robert.	10 00
Gordon, S. T.	5 00	Seligman, Mrs. David J.	10 00
Gould, D. H.	5 00	Seligman, Mrs. Jesse.	10 00
Gould, Mrs. E. L.	5 00	Sheldon, Frederic.	10 00
Granger, John T.	10 00	Sinclair, John.	25 00
Grasmuck, Frederick.	10 00	Smith, George W.	10 00
Griswold, B. W.	5 00	Smith, Mrs. Henry M.	10 00
Griswold, J. N. A.	25 00	Smith, St. Clair, M.D.	10 00
Hadden, Miss M. A.	5 00	Steward, Mrs. D. Jackson.	10 00
Harriman, Mrs. E. A.	10 00	Steward, John, Jr.	5 00
Havemeyer, Hector C.	10 00	Stewart, Wm. R.	10 00
Havemeyer, James.	10 00	Sutherland, J. L.	10 00
Hershfield, Mrs. L. H.	5 00	Taylor, Mrs. James D.	5 00
Hoguet, Henry L.	5 00	Thompson, Morris S.	10 00
Hoguet, Mrs. Henry L.	5 00	Thompson, W. C.	10 00
Home Relief Association.	5 00	Tiffany & Co.	25 00
Houghton, Henry C., M.D.	10 00	Toffey, Anne S.	10 00
Howe, Ephraim.	5 00	Trowbridge, F. K.	25 00
Hoyt, A. M.	10 00	Vanderpoel, Mrs. A.	25 00
Hudson, Mrs. C. I.	5 00	Van Santvoord, A.	10 00
Hunt, Mrs. Richard M.	5 00	Van Schaack, Jenkins.	5 00
Hüpfel, John C. G.	5 00	Van Wagner, Bleeker.	10 00
Jaffrey, Robert.	10 00	Vernam, A. H.	10 00
James, Mrs. Julian.	5 00	Waterbury, James M.	25 00
Jay, John.	10 00	Watson, Walter.	5 00
Jay, Mrs. J. C.	10 00	"Well Wisher" thro' G. A.	
Jesup, Morris K.	50 00	Robertson.	10 00
Kane John I.	5 00	Wheelock, Dr. W. E.	10 00
Kemp, George.	50 00	Williams, F. W.	5 00
Kennedy, J. S.	50 00	Winthrop, Buchanan.	100 00
Kitching, John D.	5 00	Wolfe, Miss Catherine L.	100 00
L., B. F.	50 00	Work, Mrs. J. C.	10 00
Lauterbach, Mrs. Edw'd.	5 00	Zabriskie, Mrs. S. J.	10 00
Lawrence, Cyrus J.	10 0		

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian & Ida.	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Butel, A. H.	Meyers, Ann.
Harding, Mary R.	Nicholson, John.
Harris, Ann.	Sheridan, Mattie.
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.	Smith, Mary Ida.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Solomon, Henry.
Kiely, Ann Lee.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.	Williams, Mary Ann.
Lyman, Kate.	Wilson, Jane.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing to:—

Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children, and Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High Bridge.)
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Penal Reform Aid.
Hibernian Union Club.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School Children's Benefit Soc., A. B. Clark, Manager.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Reform Charity Union.
Institute for Children, 9 Livingston Place.	Society of Holy Innocents, St. Stephen's Guild.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th Street.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
Minerva Home.	
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in N. Y.)	
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Some swindlers in this line are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Bender, Benidicks, } Edward and Eva.	McAleer, Kate, (deserted.)
Bendix,	McDonald, al. O'Donnell, Henry.
Boyd, Chas. N.	McFaddin, Maria.
Budd, Michael and Margaret.	McIntosh, Mrs.
Cavanagh, James and Mary Ellen.	Mack, Albert.
Conrad Annie, (deserted).	Moore, Jennie.
Craig, al. Owens, Margaret.	Moriarty, John and Mary.
Deering, John F. and Christina.	Morris, Samuel.
Dolz, Geo. and Mary.	Mortimer, Harry and Louisa, (man colored.)
Eberle, Peter.	Nicholson, John and Wife.
Eichhorn, Gustavus and Clara.	O'Donnell, (see McDonald.)
Fallen, al. Hammersmith, Jennie, al. Mary.	O'Malley, Mary.
Fitzgerald, James.	Owens, (see Craig.)
Gilhooly, Henry.	Parslow, Anna.
Grop, Mary E.	Pree, Mary.
Hammersmith, (see Fallen.)	Redel, Frederick.
Haste, John.	Reilly, Margaret.
Horne, Wm. and Elizabeth.	Richardson, Thomas.
Huger, Patrick and Margaret.	Ryan, Patrick and Jennie.
Jones, Anna.	Sears, Mary.
Kane, Mary.	Schneider, John.
Kennedy, Maria.	Worce, Louis and Hannah.
Lewis, Harry.	Wuest, Dr. Christian and Mary.
	Wylie, John.

CAUTION.—Many physicians give "lines," as they are called, to persons whom they have treated, recommending them as worthy of assistance, when really no other investigation has been had than simply a story related at the Dispensary Clinics, and often a false one. These lines are used for begging purposes by many on whom alms are grossly misplaced. Such cases should, before relieving, be referred to some Society having facilities for careful investigation, both to stop deception and to secure for deserving cases more adequate relief.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

This Committee during February has treated 121 cases, 95 being new; it has also directed 20 others. It has placed 3 in hospitals, procured relief for 42, secured permanent work for 16, and occasional work for 15. 20 have been made self-supporting, and 1 family has been broken up, 3 have been made independent by helping them to work out their own resources, and 4 have been emigrated where work or relatives would put them beyond further need of help. family was removed to healthier quarters, and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 12 good laundresses, 7 laborers willing to do any work, 1 carpenter, 2 stone cutters, 2 good furnace men, 1 architect, 2 stablemen, who fully understand horses, and 4 errand boys; also several women for plain sewing, dressmaking, and general house work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. CASE 156.—A decent but emaciated woman, with a blackened eye, reported her sufferings inflicted by her brutal husband. He was a licensed vender, a powerful man, but addicted to liquor and gambling. His horse died, and in a drunken fit he sacrificed his cart, which had cost \$70, for \$10. Becoming reckless he spent this money for liquor, leaving his family without food, his children with scarlet fever, and his wife very delicate. At this crisis, the friendly visiting of the Agent and Committee produced direct results. The man was offered work in the Wood Yard. He accepted, kept sober, and worked faithfully. The Committee interested themselves further in him, and he, feeling that friends were caring for him, made an effort for himself, and signed the pledge for one year. A place was found for him in a railroad depot, and while waiting for it he worked at his old business. He continues steady, helped by the encouragement and interest of the Committee.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee has now begun active operations, and requests the cordial co-operation of the residents of the District, and the reference to the District Agent of all who apply to the residents for relief.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

REV. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

70 cases were treated by this Committee in February, of which 62 were new, 33 others were directed, 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 26, permanent work secured for 8, temporary work for 19, 1 was helped to learn skill, 9 were made self-supporting, 8 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 5 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 16 women at washing, ironing, &c., 3 seamstresses, 2 saleswomen, 1 woman, who with her girl of 11, would go in or out of town to work in a family, 1 boy to learn plumbing; also 1 cigar maker, 1 professional nurse, 1 copyist, 1 florist, 1 marble cutter, 1 man and wife to care for flats, can run steam elevator; 4 general laborers, and 1 boy to learn plastering.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 527.—Is that of a man who injured his hand in machinery, necessitating amputation of the forearm, and a stay in hospital of a week or two. His wife and 5 young children being thus left in immediate need, were relieved by a collection taken by his fellow workmen, to which his employer contributed generously, but which was exhausted when the man returned still unable to work. Unwise friends advised him to sue his employer, who upon hearing this became indignant, and declined either to see or help him further. At this juncture the Visitor called, and succeeded in convincing him of the hopelessness of such a suit, and of his employer's true kindness. He gained an interview with the latter and a promise to retain the man in his position when able to resume work, and his wages in full until that time. The mediation of this sensible friend was far more valuable in this case than the unavoidable relief.

No. 530.—The following appeal was received at the Central Office by a leading newspaper, and referred to this Committee for investigation, viz:—"Would you kindly publish this in your paper. I am out of work 3 months and can find nothing to do. Have a wife and two small children to support, and need assistance, and a month's rent due, and nothing to eat, and wish some charitable person would call and see for themselves. Kindly yours, —." Our records show that the case had recently been assisted by two of the leading relief societies. Being visited the man was offered work at the Wood Yard, with the promise of further work there if he was satisfactory. He did not go near the Wood Yard, and upon calling at the house shortly after the Agent found that the family had moved. A day or two later the man was found at home entertaining several young men, with plenty of food in the house, both cooked and uncooked. His brother had helped him, but outdone with his idle habits will do so no longer. The wife's mother is in comfortable circumstances, but refuses to aid them, as the man is young, strong and able. If temperate and industrious he would be able to keep his positions. He prefers to live on unearned bread. Is able to keep a dog, who was found eating good food enough to maintain at least one member of the family.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Mrs. E. B. GOODWIN, *Agent*.

This Committee is now ready for work, and ask the residents of the District to avail themselves of its services, and to refer to it all applicants for relief.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th Street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During February 62 cases have been treated, 22 being new, 18 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 35, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 13, 1 was made self-supporting, 1 family was removed to a healthier abode, and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Employment is wanted for 10 women at washing and scrubbing, 2 nurses, 3 seamstresses, 4 housekeepers, 9 laborers, and 2 janitors.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 465.—Was sent for investigation by a neighboring church after having helped it for some time. The wife stated that her husband was ill and out of work 7 months; that she had 4 children and was in want. Although appointments were made, the Visitor was never able to see the man, always being told "he had just gone out." At last, learning that he "worked somewhere in Maiden Lane" the Visitor, after diligent enquiry, found him at his place of business, where his employer called him from his work and said that he had comparatively steady work, his wages averaging \$8 weekly.

CASE 409.—A father, mother and 3 children were found living in underground basement rooms, the man out of work and the children ill from the effects of their surroundings. In January the eldest child died, a poor neighbor lent five dollars for its burial, and the mother tried to secure a grave from a friend. Failing in this, the undertaker refused to proceed, and the child remained unburied until the amount was raised by the father's former shopmates. Soon after the family was dispossessed. Through the help of a gentleman better rooms were secured for them. Their removal takes them from our care, but the man has found some employment and they are more comfortable.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 347 West 17th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

This office is now open, and the Committee has entered upon its duties. Residents of the District are asked to acquaint themselves with the facilities which the Committee offer, and to refer to the District Agent all who appeal for alms or help.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In February, 45 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 25 were new, and 23 were interrogated and directed. Relief was procured for 16, 3 were placed in hospitals, &c.; occasional work secured for 16 and permanent work for 1; 1 was helped to learn skill, 1 was helped by a secured loan, 4 were rendered self-supporting, 1 was adequately helped by developing their own resources, 13 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 15 families and 8 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 1 harness maker, 1 neck-tie cutter, 2 janitors, 1 book-keeper, 2 saw-mill hands and 3 laborers; also, for 7 women at washing and ironing, 5 seamstresses, 2 saleswomen, and 3 young girls to attend children.

N.B.—This Committee desires to receive subscriptions to provide a pension of \$10 per month for an aged, destitute and worthy woman, for whom the Almshouse seems inappropriate. Particulars may be had of the District Agent.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 329.—An industrious tailor of good character, who had a wife and 4 children, was out of work through illness for some time. His wife and one child had also been ill, and were partially recovered when visited by the Agent, who was calling on another family in the same house. He then learned of their bitter distress, and that they were out of fuel in the cold weather, except such as the oldest boy could pick up. Their rent was greatly overdue and their food insufficient. They were known to be worthy and too proud to ask relief. Fuel and food were at once procured for them through a gentleman interested in our work, who also, later on, gave them a sewing machine as a means of self-support. An appropriate co-operating society supplied money for their rent at our request. They are now caring for themselves, and beyond need of further relief.

CASE 429.—A family of father, mother and four children, supposed to be in distress through want of work. The mother had been a faithful servant in the family of the lady who referred the case to us for investigation, and who had frequently assisted her, not knowing of any change in her character. She now applied for money for her rent, which she said was overdue 3 months, at \$10 a month, failing to pay part of which at once, she would be ejected. The lady gave her \$10, and promised that amount monthly till times should improve. Investigation showed both man and wife were intemperate, only \$3 due on rent, which was \$7 a month. The man had constant employment as longshoreman, and the landlord had no intention of disturbing them. The whole story was untrue. The agent of the house always accommodated them by making out their rent receipts at \$10 a month, to enable them to make what they could by imposture. The lady declines to help them further.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROBT. W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

103 cases have been cared for during February, 54 of which were new, and 95 others have been directed. 7 were placed in private institutions, 2 in City hospitals or asylums; relief was procured for 18, permanent work was secured for 28, occasional work for 16, 28 were thus rendered self-supporting, 28 others were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 4 were emigrated where self-support awaited them, 1 family was broken up to save the children, and 1 was removed to better and healthier quarters, and 6 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 2 engineers, 2 janitors, 1 carpenter; also for 1 German governess, 1 lady's companion, 1 saleswoman, 2 good seamstresses, 2 cooks, 4 nurses, and several laundresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 808.—A well-educated, gentlemanly and well-dressed young man enlisted much sympathy by a story of destitution. He said that he came here three days before with two dollars in his pocket, hoping to get work before his funds gave out; had paid one dollar for lodgings and the other for food; that his father was a clergyman in Maine, and he was an only child. He showed a letter of recommendation from a firm in Bridgeport, signed with his own surname; this, he said, was a coincidence. The Committee secured lodging and meals, telling him to report on the next day, which he failed to do. The day following the agent traced him and found that he had been captured by two much older but abandoned women, and was living with them in a hall bed-room in a suspicious house but in a respectable locality, all indulging freely in drink. Upon being discovered the housekeeper turned the three out of the house, fearing legal steps by the Committee. Again they were found in similar quarters in another house in the same street; and being questioned the women claimed they were acting the part of Good Samaritans in sheltering and feeding him. His friends were at once written to, with full details, and an urgent suggestion that they should come promptly to the rescue. Return of mail brought letters and money for him, and simultaneously the friend of the coincident name, who proved to be the only and older brother of the prodigal. He corroborated the statements made by the younger, with the exception of his being an only child; and said that their father would spare neither love nor money in welcoming and endeavoring to reclaim his son; and with deep gratitude for the care and treatment of the Committee, which had resulted in the quick rescue of the wanderer, the brothers departed for home.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 104 cases taken up in February, 72 being new, also 10 families, and 4 homeless persons directed. 4 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 15, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 6, temporary work for 26, 3 were made self-supporting, and 1 family was emigrated where supporting work offered.

Work is wanted for 12 women at day's work out, 8 women to do washing at home, 2 seamstresses, 2 nurses, 2 good laundresses, 1 book-folder, 3 good women to take infants to board, and 2 girls of 16 for light house work or care of children; also 10 men to tend furnaces or clean sidewalks, 5 painters or kalsominers, 25 laborers willing for any work, 3 waiters, 2 experienced drivers, 1 engineer, and 1 educated American, fit for any responsible position; 5 boys well recommended, and 1 boy anxious to learn a trade.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. 356.—An Englishman, acting as plumber's assistant, who, with his wife and child of 3, had been eighteen months in this country without finding regular work, became destitute and sold even his tools to buy food. Investigation showed him to be a poor workman, unused to the ways of this country and with small chance of success here. His family had received aid from two Relief Societies; and as it was probable that they would continue to be a public charge if they remained, it seemed expedient to enable them to accept an invitation given by the wife's relatives in London. With the kindly co-operation of two Relief Societies and the help of a member, this family was accordingly sent home to England, and another burden lifted from the public here.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 53 Third Avenue, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During February, 294 cases were dealt with, 294 of which were new. 5 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 48, temporary work secured for 4, 1 was emigrated where he could be self-supporting, 1 was sent to the care of relatives, and 19 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 women to do housework, 3 seamstresses, 7 laborers with families, 5 porters or watchmen, 4 drivers, 1 coachman, 1 professional nurse, 1 draughtsman, 2 clerks and 1 painter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 528.—An attractive but artful woman of 35, personating a dead sister-in-law who had left four young children, sought and obtained for many months, repeated aid from bureaus of Charity and benevolent ladies, on various pleas. She was trusted by all, and her supposed wants and those of the little ones were generously met, till, emboldened by long success, her entreaties assumed the form of claims. Suspicion being aroused, the case was presented to this Society for investigation, which showed her to be comfortably married to a man earning \$20 a week. The children who had been represented as suffering, had long been inmates of an orphanage, and the ones she begged for were those of her husband who was supporting them amply. This record is but one of many impositions practiced on generous but unwary dispensers of alms.

CASE 529.—In 1882 a family of nine, represented as "a widow with eight young children," was reported to us as receiving from a relief society a monthly pension, based on the number of young mouths to feed. Recently the case was referred to us for investigation by the same society, and examination showed that the "young children's" ages ranged from 16 to 32 years, all well and strong, and capable of earning a handsome income for the family. The pension has ceased.

STREET BEGGARS.

No. 1182.—An apparently decrepit old woman, bent over with extreme age, wearing an antique cloak and hood, the depth of the latter hiding her face, a band covering her forehead and hair, with one hand bandaged up as if disabled, tremblingly held out the other for alms from passers by on Fifth Avenue last month. Being thought a fit subject for the alms house an officer proposed to place her there, when a short examination discovered the aged suppliant to be a hale hearty young woman of 32, erect and sound in every limb, whose deception had been so profitable that she proposed to make a permanent trade of it. Justice Welde sent her to the workhouse for three months.

Nos. 1135-6.—An old colored man near 60, with a young companion of 20, whom he claimed to be his wife, begged on Broadway. An arrest disclosed that they had plenty of money. Col. Spencer was retained by them for defense, and they were permitted to depart on his pledge that they should leave the State, by Justice Patterson.

No. 1163.—An old Italian woman was arrested for street begging, and it was found that her sons permitted it, one of whom kept a profitable liquor-saloon near the City Hall, and another received liberal pay as a clerk in one of the city departments. They came to her rescue with counsel, and on their agreement to maintain her and keep her from the streets in future, she was released by Justice Smith.

No. 1167.—A strong, vigorous man of 40, with full use of all his limbs, begged usually on Broadway and Murray Street, sitting on the side-walk with one leg doubled under him as if a cripple, and collected much alms under that pretence. When the officer came near enough with a policeman to excite his fears, he straightened his leg and tried to run, but was easily captured. He was sent by Justice Smith to the workhouse for six months.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Charity Organization Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.,

Members are requested to bear this Yard in mind in ordering their Kindling Wood, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

During February work was given to 252 men, of whom 63 proved willing and industrious. 61 who were sent did not put in an appearance. 158 loads of wood were sold. Some orders for wood were received at the Yard without signature. Parties not having their orders noticed may herein find a reason.

N. B.—We are gratified to know that our *Monthly Bulletin* has proved helpful to our constituents and members, and has fulfilled, to so great a degree, its purpose in protecting them against unworthy so-called charitable enterprises, and against many of the most adroit professional beggars of the City. We however find that the expense attending this department necessitates our withholding the Bulletin from all who do not pay their Annual dues. We trust that the helpfulness of the Bulletin, added to the great value to the community, both rich and poor, of the general work of the Society, will induce all friends to renew their memberships, and thus enable the Society to fulfill its pledges to the public. Hereafter, the Bulletin will no longer be sent to any persons whose membership fees are more than 6 months overdue. The Society is confident that in its full registration, its facilities for investigation, the protection it affords, the assurance it gives of efficient treatment of the poor in its charge, and its present success in repressing mendicancy and in preventing the waste of charity, it offers much more than an equivalent for the cost of membership; and is as indispensable to the welfare of every household and to the whole community as any social or civic appliance among us. The present season imposes great labor upon the Society in the interest of the truest charity; and all its friends are earnestly requested to aid its Treasury in meeting its necessary expenses.

Annual Memberships, \$10. Life Membership, \$100, and upwards.

MONTHLY BULLETIN
OF THE
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No. 12.

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., April 15th, 1885.

A NEW YEAR.

The Society closed its third year of work upon the 1st inst., and it is assured by those who assisted in founding it that their hopes have been so far more than realized. Its success is a proof of the intelligence and open-mindedness of the people of New York, who recognized the 'great use that this new Society might be to them in their efforts to help the poor, and from the outset accepted the services it offered with a confidence which has grown year by year, and which the Society hopes to continue to justify.

During the past 12 months it has gained 30 new constituents and now has 201 Societies and Churches pledged to co-operation and interchange of information through it. Its stock of reports of dependent or vicious families has increased 21,095, or an average of 70 for each working day of the year; and for the winter months the average is about 110 per day. These reports now number 81,398. In March just passed, as compared with March '84, the number of reports received (indicating amount of active co-operation) has increased 41 per cent., while the cases referred to the Society for special investigation have increased 284 per cent. Surely a large gain this, and a proof of increased usefulness, and appreciation of our purposes and methods.

We believe that what we have thus far accomplished is fast creating that degree of enlightened public opinion which will ensure to us full success and proper financial support. We trust every member will secure for us this Spring an additional member.

REMOVAL.—Before the issue of another Bulletin the Society will have removed its Central Office to its new quarters at No. 21 University Place, where with increased accommodations it hopes to enter upon enlarged usefulness. After we are settled in the new rooms, we trust that those members who have never inspected our methods of work will take early occasion to do so. The volume and system of our registration department are matters of surprise and interest to all who see them for the first time.

We still lack furniture, and especially chairs for our ampler rooms, and as intimated in the previous Bulletin, any contributions of this character will be timely and welcome. Our cordial thanks are due to Mrs. Charles Tracy, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, and Mr. Chas. W. Gould for generous gifts of the kind indicated.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received...2,764 | Number of Reports sent out...1,084
New cases and removals.....1,547 | Special Investigations made...507
Total Number of Reports on File, 81,398.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....1,359	Procured relief for..... 183
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans..... 2
Charity..... 528	Secured work for..... 168
False addresses..... 49	Made self-supporting.... 110
Worthy continuous relief	Emigrated..... 9
temporary..... 185	Families broken up..... 5
Needing work instead of	Friends exposed or sup-
relief..... 424	pressed..... 34
Unworthy of relief..... 123	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pitals, Churches, &c.... 159
lums, &c..... 22	Friendly Visitors on duty 151

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER,

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 109 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:
12 Begging Letter-writers.
26 Sidewalk beggars.
28 House-to-house beggars.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:
15 helpless through infirmity.*
71, or 65 per cent., able-bodied.
14 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS: 14 warned, directed and counselled, 32 committed for 1 to six months, 1 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

RESIDING:
41 in cheap lodging-houses.
22 in their own homes.
23 gave false addresses.
10 Station-house lodgers, &c.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
10 needy and worthy.*
26 had ample means.
30 shiftless and idle.
30 dissolute and vicious.

Contributions, March, 1885.

Agnew, Dr. C. R..... \$5 00	Jesurun, Mrs. L. P..... \$5 00
All Souls (P. E.) Church... 25 00	Jones, Mrs. Lewis C..... 5 00
Babcock, H. D..... 10 00	Kane, Greenville..... 5 00
Banks, Mrs. James L..... 5 00	Katzenbach, Dr. Wm. H..... 1 00
Banning, Mrs. Wm. C..... 5 00	Kendall, Mrs. E. H..... 2 00
Barbour, Wm. D..... 10 00	Keppel, Fredric..... 10 00
Bayard, Dr. Edwin..... 2 00	Kidd, Miss Grace G..... 5 00
Berwind, Mrs. E. J..... 5 00	Laidlaw, H. B..... 10 00
Biglow, L. H..... 10 00	Lane, J. Henry..... 5 00
Blumenthal, Isaac..... 5 00	Lavanburg, Mrs. L..... 10 00
Braker, C. Jr..... 10 00	Lightbody, Mrs. J. G..... 5 00
Brand, James..... 10 00	Livingston, John..... 10 00
Bristow, B. H..... 5 00	Lynch, Mrs. J..... 10 00
Brown, Mrs. C. V..... 10 00	Mack, Max..... 5 00
Brown, Edward M..... 5 00	Maillard, Henry..... 10 00
Brown, Mrs. J. Crosby..... 10 00	Maitland, Thomas..... 50 00
Brown, Wm. Smith..... 100 00	Marquand, Miss Mabel..... 5 00
Byrd, George H..... 25 00	Martin, W. M..... 10 00
Carolin, Mrs. Wm. V..... 10 00	Merrill, George..... 10 00
Case, Watson E..... 10 00	Müller, Mrs. Fred K..... 5 00
Cash, "From a Lady,"..... 5 00	Osgood, Mrs. Wm. H..... 5 00
Cash J. A. S..... 25 00	Parrish, Sam'l L..... 25 00
Cash, M. C. B..... 5 00	Phoenix, Lloyd..... 10 00
Cash, M. L. B..... 5 00	Platt John H..... 5 00
Catlin, Mrs. Julius, Jr..... 5 00	Porter, Chas. T..... 5 00
Clarkson, H..... 5 00	Pullman, Mrs. W. A..... 10 00
Coe, Rev. Dr. Edwd. B..... 10 00	Rand, George C..... 10 00
Colgate, Robert..... 10 00	Raymond, Mrs. J. I..... 10 00
Collyer, Rev. Dr. Robert... 5 00	Raynolds, Chas. T..... 10 00
Cooper, Estate of Wm..... 50 00	Rhineland, the Misses..... 10 00
Crane, John..... 10 00	Rhoades, John Harsen..... 10 00
Crooks, R. Fleming..... 10 00	Richards, George..... 50 00
Crosby, Chauncey H..... 5 00	Robinson, Dr. Beverley..... 10 00
Crosby, Rev. Dr. Howard... 10 00	Roosevelt, J. R..... 100 00
Cuming, J. R..... 10 00	Rose, Mrs. Henry S..... 100 00
Daly, Chas. P..... 10 00	Russell, F. W..... 5 00
Dart, Russell, Jr..... 5 00	Sabine, G. A., M. D..... 10 00
DeGrauw, W. N., Jr..... 10 00	Sage, Mr. & Mrs. Russell... 25 00
Denny, John T..... 50 00	Schafer, Samuel M..... 10 00
Devoe, F. W..... 50 00	Schleffelin, Henry M..... 10 00
Dexter, Henry..... 10 00	Scholle Brothers..... 10 00
Dominick, W. Gayer..... 5 00	Schumacker, C..... 5 00
Emerson, John W..... 5 00	Seligman, Mrs. I. J..... 5 00
Gilsey, Henry..... 5 00	Shaw, Mrs. Robt. G..... 20 00
Goldsmith, G. A..... 5 00	Skeel, Mrs. Roswell..... 10 00
Gordon, George..... 5 00	Smith, Wm. Alexander..... 10 00
Griswold, Mrs. Chester... 5 00	Strang, Samuel A..... 5 00
Halstead, P. S..... 10 00	Stuart, Mrs. Helen M..... 5 00
Hamlin, Walter A..... 10 00	Taber, Mrs. C. C..... 5 00
Hard, Anson W..... 10 00	Taylor, Mrs. Aug. C..... 5 00
Harriman, Mrs. C..... 5 00	Thebaud, Paul L..... 10 00
Harris, R. Duncan..... 20 00	Thorn, Mrs. Wm. K..... 10 00
Harris, Mrs. R. Duncan... 20 00	Tilden, Samul J..... 250 00
Haxtern, Mrs. B..... 10 00	Trimble, Mrs. Merritt..... 10 00
Hewson, John H..... 10 00	Trowbridge, E. D..... 10 00
Higginson, James J..... 50 00	Tuck, Edward..... 10 00
Hildburgh, Henry..... 5 00	Warren, Dr. John S..... 10 00
Horton, Mrs. B. W..... 5 00	Welling, N. P..... 5 00
Horton, Mrs. H. L..... 5 00	Wheelwright, Wm. D..... 10 00
Hotchkiss, & Co. thro. P. H.	Whitney, Mrs. Wm..... 5 00
Barhydt..... 5 00	Wistar, Miss. K. J..... 5 00
Ickelheimer, Isaac..... 10 00	Woodward, Mrs. R..... 10 00
Ijams, J. T..... 10 00	Work, J. H..... 25 00
Jackson, Wm. H..... 10 00	Wyckoff, Mrs. P. B..... 5 00

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Children's Lunches.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	alias Home for Children or Aged
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's	Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High
Cleft Mission."	Bridge), or any other institution
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	managed by Wm. H. Ramscar.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform Aid.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or School
Institute for Children, 9 Living-	Children's Benefit Soc., A. B. Clark,
ston Place.	Manager.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	Reform Charity Union.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Society of Holy Innocents,
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in	East 164th Street.
N. Y.)	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.	

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Banks, Agnes
Bartell, Henry
Downing, Ann
Fleming, John
Graham, Edward
Green, Chas. J.
Hull, Frederick
Johnson, Annie, alias Murphy.
Jones, Anna
Laval, James B.
Livingston, Henry

McGee, Patrick and Kate
McManus, Margaret
Moran, Daniel and Annie
Morrill, (forger.)
Morriss, Samuel
Murphy, Annie, (see Johnson)
Pinkham, Seth and Linda
Thompson, Edward
Witt, Charles (a youth.)
Wood, Arthur

Beware of a Frenchman, about 35, who calls upon persons who have recently returned from Europe, and pretends to have been head-waiter at the hotel at which they lodged in Paris. He is generally grieved at not being recognized, and asks for a loan to purchase a waiter's suit to enable him to get a situation at some city hotel. He is tall, spare and sallow, and has brown hair and eyes.

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian & Ida.
Britton, Mary.
Butel, A. H.
Harding, Mary R.
Harris, Ann.
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.
Kiely, Ann Lee.
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.
Lyman, Kate.

Lyon, Cornelia A.
Meyers, Ann.
Nicholson, John.
Sheridan, Mattie.
Smith, Mary Ida.
Solomon, Henry.
Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Williams, Mary Ann.
Wilson, Jane.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Swindlers in this line, some of them most prepossessing and plausible, are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

A stout woman, medium height, dark flushed face, usually has a green veil over her forehead, usually giving name of Mrs. Pease, solicits for the McAuley & Cremonne Missions, and also for a poor family. The Missions repudiate her, and do not know of her.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During March this Committee has treated 81 cases, 48 being new; it has also directed 29 others. It has placed 4 in hospitals, procured relief for 36, secured permanent work for 10, and occasional work for 10. 10 have been made self-supporting, and 1 family has been broken up, 1 has been made independent by helping them to work out their own resources.

Work is wanted for several laborers, stablemen, watchmen and janitors, 1 lithographer, 1 printer, 1 private coachman, (rather delicate) with excellent references, 1 blacksmith, and a boy wanting to learn the carpenter's trade; also several good women for general housework, plain sewing, dressmaking, and first-class laundry work; also 4 girls of 15 and 16 who can tend store or take care of babies.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. 352.—An Englishwoman, mother of 3 young children, whose husband is a painter, applied for work, saying she only lacked opportunity, as she was strong, able, and willing. Her husband found it hard to get steady employment, as he was somewhat undersized, and unequal to all kinds of work. Inquiry showed that during the year of their residence in this country, they had lived for the most part on the public, several relief societies having assisted them; some excuse constantly being found for idleness. As the woman had relatives in England able and willing to care for her and her family, she and her children were sent to them, a kind friend collecting the necessary funds, and overseeing their removal. The husband remains, earning enough to redeem their effects now in pawn, and will follow them shortly. Thus the City is relieved from the burden of a family rapidly drifting into pauperism.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 102 applications, of whom 19 were carefully directed to proper help, 3 gave false addresses, and 80 were taken in charge. Of these latter temporary relief was procured for 9, permanent work for 2, temporary work for 3, and 1 has been made self-supporting. The balance are in abeyance, the Committee having but just entered upon their duties. 16 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help for their spring cleaning are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

REV. M. VAN RENNELAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

31 cases were treated by this Committee in March, of which 27 were new, 34 others were directed; 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 12, permanent work secured for 5, temporary work for 26, 7 were rendered self-supporting, 11 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 4 frauds were exposed, 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 45 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand. Work is wanted for 2 women as professional nurses, and one man nurse; also for several men willing to do anything, while awaiting the re-opening of their business; also several anxious to care for houses during the summer. All are well recommended.

ANNUAL REPORT.—In presenting its second Annual Report this Committee has very little that is new to state for the information of the Society. It has steadily pursued the even tenor of its way within the lines marked out for it, and has the satisfaction of knowing that it has done much substantial good in carrying out faithfully the wise and beneficent plans of the Society, and thereby encouraging old friends and winning new ones. Some changes have occurred in the membership of the Committee which will appear from the accompanying list. We have to regret the loss of our devoted and efficient Chairman, Mr. F. N. Goddard, who resigned in February to organize a new Committee on the west side, of which he has been elected Chairman. The sincere regret which we felt in giving him up was tempered by the knowledge that he would carry into the new field an experience which would be of the greatest service in extending the Society's work.

After an additional year's experience the Committee has no hesitation in re-affirming its declaration of last year's Report, that they "are fully satisfied that the plan of dealing with the poor, provided by this Society, is the best ever proposed in this city, and that a great mistake is made when the rules are deviated from in a single case to the extent of giving direct relief." We know full well how many are not yet satisfied of this; how many charge our methods with harshness and unkindness; how many indulge in indolent good-nature under a cloak of charity; how many think their duty to the poor is done when they give a quarter or bestow a dole; but we claim that a grain of experience is better than a pound of theory, and we are prepared to show that experience which is of any value is all with us, and that in every instance in which our system has a fair field it has commended itself to the most benevolent and to the most successful workers among the poor and helpless.

The "Labor Test" supplied by the Wood-yard has been managed by our Agent during the past season with the following result, as reported by her: "Of those offered Wood-yard work, after thorough investigation, 73.9 per cent proved unworthy, inasmuch as they failed to present themselves for the order, or took an order and failed to use it." Our experience shows that during the months of November and December—two of the busiest of the year—the applications for relief are double and treble those of the preceding month, showing, as we believe, that applicants are ready as soon as Relief Societies begin their winter's work, which is in the above-named months.

Meetings of the Sub-Committees on Relief and Visitation have been held weekly, at which the Friendly Visitors have been in attendance to make reports and suggestions, to receive instructions as to their work, and the assignment of new cases. While we have been encouraged and sustained by a faithful few who have worked unremittingly and patiently with us through storm and sunshine, and cannot sufficiently express our grateful sense of their self-denying services, we regret to be obliged to admit that, for various reasons, the numbers of this useful corps of helpers have been entirely

below our needs; by which our work has been crippled, and shorn of that full measure of success which we have desired it to attain. Is it not possible to devise some method by which this want may be supplied in the future?

While individual ministers and laymen are among our earnest friends and co-operators, we are compelled to admit that we are as yet unsuccessful in enlisting the co-operation of the congregations, as such, in our work in the district. It is hardly to be supposed that, after our career of three years, they can be ignorant of our plans and methods of work, nor of the many responsible names by whom it is guaranteed; but they evidently have not yet seen their way to accept us as fellow-helpers in their works of charity; nor to become fellow-helpers with us in the equally important work of regulating charitable aid, so that it may be the wholesome fruit of a wise and Scriptural Charity, and not merely an unreflecting, and so an injurious, though generous alms-giving, without any thought of the effect on the characters and lives of those it seeks to help. It is not presumptuous to think or say that, in a work in which we have manifestly so large a common interest, we might work together with mutual benefit to all concerned.

During the summer much good was done by sending women and children to the sea-side for a day's outing. We cannot commend the efficient work of our agent in this line too highly. It is one of the most useful and beneficent parts of our work. In this, as in securing lodgings in the country for working girls for a week or more during the heated term; as well as in conducting parties of children into Central New York and Vermont, for a longer or shorter sojourn amid country air and scenes, she has won the gratitude of the many hundreds that have been benefited by it. The amount of benefit, moral as well as physical, which is gained by these excursions cannot be estimated.

We have been gratified to notice an indication of confidence in us and our agent, which has sprung up among the poor in our District, in their coming frequently to our office to ask advice and consult about matters of interest to them, such as the investment of money, the reliability of societies for savings, etc. We record this with especial pleasure as indicating the hold we have been insensibly gaining on the class most interested in our work.

Many interesting cases have occurred which show the success and benefit of the Society's aim to teach even the most hapless the possibility and the power of "SELF HELP."

M. VAN RENSSELAER, *Chairman*.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Mrs. E. B. GOODWIN, *Agent*.

This Committee has begun work, and during March it treated 34 cases, and directed 5 others, of the 34, 3 only were worthy of continuous relief, 1 of temporary relief, 25 needed work rather than relief, and 5 were unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Work now found for 2, and 3 frauds were exposed.

Employment is the great need. Families, living in the District, who can give any kind of work, temporary or regular, to men or women, are urgently desired to send to the District Agent, whose office hours are 9 to 11 A.M., and 4 to 6 P.M.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th Street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During March 25 cases have been treated, 19 being new, 10 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 21, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 9, 4 were made self-supporting, 1 family was removed to a healthier abode, 1 was emigrated to self-supporting locality, 1 was broken up, and 1 fraud was suppressed. Work is wanted for 3 laborers, 1 hard-wood polisher, and 6 women as washers or for housework.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The Committee cannot sufficiently express its debt of gratitude to the Friendly Visitors who have so faithfully visited the poor in their own homes and helped them by advice, sympathy and encouragement to renewed effort. It is true that we have had to call upon each Visitor to take charge of more than one case, which we think, for the sake of efficiency, should be the limit. There are enough people in easy circumstances in our district to make this the maximum if its resources could be utilized.

The Committee since its first formation has endeavored, as far as was possible, to engage the sympathies of the residents of the district in the interest of this Society and to enroll them as active workers. As a means to that end, each church within the district, has been sought out, and the clergyman of each church has been solicited to aid us. The result is that almost all the churches have given us assurances of countenance and support; but we beg to call the attention of the Society to the number of our friendly visitors, viz.: 37, and the number of the churches within the district, viz.: 20. We know that this last comparison will be obnoxious to the criticism that the friendly visitors of this Society are not enrolled through the churches; to this there is a simple and proper reply: They are so enrolled if it is possible so to do, and it would seem that no effort would be spared by the churches to aid us in this regard, for if among any organizations the cause of the poor is sacred, if any institutions in this city are bound to that cause by ties which pass the ties of this world, it is these very churches of which we speak. Your Committee has been in active operation barely three years; the churches in this district have been erected and have been in active exercise of their functions for many years. Not one of these churches, so far as we can ascertain, has ever given regular and practical instruction to its parishioners as to the methods, simple indeed but most important, of personal intercourse with the poor. In but few of them do we find an organized, instructed and intelligent body of parishioners whose care and duty it is to maintain personal and kindly relations with the poor.

Your Committee is happy to state that never yet has their work been impeded for lack of money; on the contrary, the difficulty has been to restrain the lavish generosity of the residents of the district. Should a loan be necessary, funds are instantly forthcoming; the necessity for food and fire has but to be mentioned to be met; and recently, for the purpose of transporting a poor family to the far West, and of maintaining them there until they should get employment, over \$150 were needed and raised forthwith.

To bring the poor and rich into contact, to show practically and in actual life, that each is the other's friend, is the great aim and object of our Society. In this district the residences of the rich and the crowded tenements of the poor stand close together. To deal with the poor in these tenements is but a portion of our task. Slowly but surely we are winning the confidence and sympathy of the residents of the district to our cause and to our methods.

We look back upon our year's work with gratitude, that we have been permitted to assist, in however small a measure, in feeding the hungry, in procuring work for those who needed it, and in encouraging with personal sympathy those unfortunates, whom circumstances or their own ignorance and folly, had brought to misery and want. FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Chairman*.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 347 West 17th Street, (after April 25th, 157 West 20th St.) Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

This office is now open, and the Committee has entered upon its duties. In March it treated 30 cases, and directed 8 others to the proper source of help. Relief was procured for 15, work for 6, 1 thus rendered self-supporting and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In March, 33 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 19 were new, and 38 were interrogated and directed. Relief was procured for 11, 3 were placed in hospitals, &c.; work secured for 11, 8 were rendered self-supporting, 1 was adequately helped by developing its own resources, 1 was emigrated to the care of relatives, 1 was broken up, and 11 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 15 families and 8 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 1 iron and brass moulder, 1 waiter, 1 harness maker, 2 janitors and 1 watchman; also for 6 women to do washing and ironing, and 4 for plain sewing either at home or by day's work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 101.—Was referred for investigation by a lady whose family had, for a dozen years, been giving alms to the applicant, sometimes directly and again through various relief societies, to which they subscribed, and whose visitors, accepting the woman's statements as true, always reported her as deserving. She quite naturally concluded that her character was established and that she was a regular pensioner. She had applied for rent money, saying unless it was soon given, she and her "three young and fatherless children" would be on the street. She was indignant when told that her case would be investigated. The required examination showed that no one in the world was dependent on this woman, who for years had been an idle, vicious, drunken person, subsisting upon misplaced charity. Moreover, a grown-up brother and sister, encouraged by her evil example, were found engaged in the same business. Upon receiving this report the lady declined further aid, and the case is on record at the Central Office, for the benefit of any one to whom the woman may apply, so that now no one need be deceived by her.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROBT. W. DZFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

102 cases have been cared for during March, 48 of which were new, and 83 others have been directed. 10 were placed in private institutions; relief was procured for 7, permanent work was secured for 30, occasional work for 15, 30 were thus rendered self-supporting, 30 others were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 3 were emigrated where support awaited them, 1 family was broken up to save the children, and 1 was removed to better and healthier quarters, and 3 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 1 paper hanger, 2 painters, 3 male nurses, 2 copyists, 2 janitors; 20 house cleaners, 2 cooks, 2 laundresses, 1 housekeeper, 2 seamstresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 814.—A woman, near confinement with third child, deserted and suffering for the necessities of life, threatened with ejectment for unpaid rent, and loss of furniture for unpaid installments, and no friends to aid her. Upon investigation, it appeared that six years since the woman left her mother's house under a promise of marriage still unfulfilled. For a time the reputed husband maintained her comfortably, but of late came indifference, neglect and finally desertion. For months she had failed to see him, or receive any support from him, although he received a salary of \$240 a month. The remedy undoubtedly was to put the burden of support on the man, where it belonged, and not on the public; and to secure, if possible, the promised marriage. How to do this was the question, particularly, as the man's business took him from State to State, making it difficult to reach him, and the legal relation of husband and wife did not exist. Private charity was secured to tide over the woman's immediate necessities, and she was provided with a blank form of marriage contract to have the man sign when he next visited her. The first visit occurred on March 17, after five months of silence and absence, and when the infant was a month old. The woman presented the paper for signature. The man declined to sign, and immediately left the house stating that his business called him to Philadelphia. She, however, ascertained that he was still in New York, and entreated the District Agent to see and expostulate with him. This was promised upon the agent's being notified of his next visit. The summons came one morning at 8. The agent hastened at once to the woman's room, entered and found the man. He had just risen. He jumped into bed again, pulled the bed clothes around him and inquired what she was doing there. "I am the agent of the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY," said she, "you ought to support this woman, and fulfill your promise to marry her." "But, what are you going to do about it?" asked he. "I am going to have you sign that marriage paper." "If you will step out till I get dressed, I will be happy to talk about the matter." This delay seeming unnecessary, after some parleying, the woman brought the marriage contract with pen and ink to the bed side, the man sat up in bed and signed it, the woman signed it, and the agent witnessed it. "Now, my good woman," said the man, "will you kindly go into the next room, while I make my toilet?" "No, I am going to send for a clergyman." And, bidding the man's eldest child to take the message, the agent waited at the foot of the bed till the clergyman appeared. The man explained the situation by alleging illness. The clergyman, after expressing his sympathy, performed the ceremony, the ring was furnished by the agent, who acted as bridesmaid, and the witnesses were the children of the contracting parties. The wedding party broke up with hopes for the husband's speedy recovery from the clergyman, and the agent's withdrawing all further objections to his rising. No suit has been brought to set aside the marriage, because of coercion or undue influence, but, on the contrary, the husband has settled a sufficient allowance on his family to ensure their support, and to prevent their being any future burden on the charitable.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCENAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 102 cases taken up in March, 72 being new, also 10 families, and 15 homeless persons directed. 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 17, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 8, temporary work for 9, 6 were made self-supporting, and 1 family was emigrated where supporting work offered, 1 family was broken up, and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 20 laborers and tradesmen, willing to do anything that offers, 4 boys from 16 to 18, 1 very bright boy of 17 and 1 of 14 anxious to learn trades; also 8 good women for general housework, 2 good laundresses, 3 seamstresses, 3 well recommended nurses, 2 excellent housekeepers or janitresses, 2 girls of 15 to care for children or do light housework.

ANNUAL REPORT.—In looking back over the past year we feel that although the success of our work has been greatly hindered through the neglect of hearty co-operation on the part of the churches in our district and the lack of friendly visitors, we have, on the whole, sufficient cause to be satisfied with the result of our labors.

This district is largely composed of a respectable working class of people, and the present depression in trade has been very severely felt among them. Numbers of strong, able-bodied men have applied to us for work, expressing their willingness to do anything, "no matter how hard," to keep their families from starving. In these cases we have found the Wood-yard invaluable as a labor-test, and the fact that a large majority of these men gladly seized the opportunity of earning fifty cents, and returned begging for "another ticket," has only proved the great need of a Labor Bureau in connection with the yard, and it has been with great pleasure that we have learned that the Wood-yard Committee are now contemplating the organization of such a Bureau.

Our most successful cases have been those for whom permanent work has been found, and who have in that way been raised from a position of dependence into one of independence.

We are coming more and more to a realization of the fact that the giving of direct relief is, in the majority of cases, an injury to those receiving it, and is desirable and helpful only in very exceptional cases.

This Committee, at their last meeting, expressed themselves unanimously and emphatically against the custom of distributing "city coal" to the poor. Our experience has been that the deserving poor rarely get it, even when applied for, and those least needy nearly always getting the preference on account of patronage, or political influence, or some other corrupt cause too well known by most of us.

In closing this brief and hurried report, we would again call attention to the fact that we sadly need a score more of friendly visitors who will kindly lend us their aid and counsel in wrestling with the numerous difficult cases constantly coming under our notice. Our territory is large, and our calls are many. JAMES FELLOWS, *Chairman*.]

SPECIAL NOTICES.

N. B.—The Charity Organization Wood Yard has removed to S. W. Cor. Avenue B and 19th Street, adjoining the premises of C. W. Alcott & Co.

Members are requested to bear this Yard in mind in ordering their Kindling Wood, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

During March work was given to 126 men, of whom 125 proved willing and industrious. 7 who were sent did not put in an appearance. 185 loads of wood were sold.

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FINANCIAL.

Owing to the stringency of the times the Society is much in need of the early renewal of its membership dues and of the other contributions of friends, who have heretofore so kindly sustained us, in order to continue the work uninterrupted during the summer. The Society has become so interwoven with the charitable system of the City, and has proved so effective in adequate relief of distress, that hardly a greater calamity could befall either the Charities or the Poor of New York than any suspension or curtailment of its work. It is especially valuable to the community in the Summer, when so many charities and churches suspend their work, and benevolent private givers are absent.

THE COUNCIL EARNESTLY APPEALS for the prompt renewal of all annual subscriptions, (which the Constitution makes due in March of every year), and also for any enlarged gifts which friends may feel able and willing to make in this emergency. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer.

The Society has fully vindicated its right to be, and the invariable testimony of all who have cordially co-operated with us is that its work and facilities are indispensable.

Members would greatly aid us, and benefit their own friends, by each securing an additional member for us.

REMOVAL.

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY
HAS REMOVED TO
21 UNIVERSITY PLACE,

N. E. Corner of East Ninth Street.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received...2,964 | Number of Reports sent out...492
New cases and removals...1,982 | Special Investigations made...167
Total Number of Reports on File, 86,472.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....1,004	Procured relief for..... 124
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans..... 3
Charity..... 340	Secured work for..... 214
False addresses..... 33	Made self-supporting..... 91
Worthy continuous relief	Emigrated..... 21
temporary..... 156	Families broken up..... 2
Needing work instead of	Frauds exposed or sup-
relief..... 326	pressed..... 31
Unworthy of relief..... 108	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pitals, Churches, &c..... 121
lums, &c..... 35	Friendly Visitors on duty 150

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER,

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 59 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
5 Begging Letter-writers.	20 in cheap lodging-houses.
9 Sidewalk beggars.	21 in their own homes.
20 House-to-house beggars.	9 gave false addresses.
2 Tramps.	1 Station-house lodger, &c.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
9 helpless through infirmity.*	5 needy and worthy.*
34, or 58 per cent., able-bodied.	15 had ample means.
3 blind or crippled, but able to	20 shiftless and idle.
help support themselves.	13 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 20 warned, directed and counseled, 7 committed for 4 to 6 months, 5 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Contributions, April, 1885.


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Ives, Wm. Jay..... 5 00	Young, Mason..... 10 00
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Jones, Mrs. F. R..... 10 00	Zion Aid Associat'n of Zion
Kennedy, Miss Rachel L..... 10 00	(P. E.) Church..... 10 00

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—


Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	alias Home for Children or Aged
Dr. John W. Kennlon's "Christ's	Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High
Cleft Mission."	Bridge,) or any other institution
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	managed by Wm. H. Ramscair.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform Aid.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School
Institute for Children, 9 Living-	Children's Benefit Soc., A.B. Clark,
ston Place.	Manager.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	Reform Charity Union.
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Manhattan Benevolent Association.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in	East 164th Street.
N. Y.)	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

 The Minerva Home has been duly incorporated with a responsible board of managers.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Several unauthorized parties have recently been active in soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workmen, especially freight handlers. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers. Our attention has been called to Independent Workmen's Mutual Association. Non-Union Laborers of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Railroad. United Association of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Swindlers in this line, some of them most prepossessing and plausible, are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

 They are also advised to consult the Society's records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Barton, Clara
Britton, Mary F.
Cavanagh, John
Demeter, John
Featherstone, Carrie
Gunther, Robert and Sarah
Harney, Michael and Bridget
Harrison, Patrick and Ellen
Henderson, John and Susan
Kennedy, Thos. and Margaret
Leach, Lucy
Loesch, Magdalena
Lovesky, Otto and Mary
McCary, Patrick and Bridget
McFaddin, Mary

Moran, Daniel and Annie
Nichols, John and Mary
Post, Abraham and Ellen
Revero, Emanuel and Emma
Rowe, Lewis and Catherine
Sharpless, Jane
Sherwood, C. H.
Smith, Adelaide
Swords, James B. and Louisa
Thompson, Charles T.
Tully, John C.
Vaughan, "Prof." George
West, John and Catherine
Whiston, Charles and Sarah

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian and Ida.

Britton, Mary.

Butel, A. H.

Harding, Mary R.

Harris, Ann.

Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.

Johnson, Mrs. H. D.

Kiely, Ann Lee.

King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.

Lyman, Kate.

Lyon, Cornelia A.

Meyers, Ann.

Nicholson, John.

Sheridan, Mattie.


Smith, Mary Ida.


Solomon, Henry.


Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.

Williams, Mary Ann.

Wilson, Jane.

 A young man, giving the name of Curtiss, is reported as taking subscriptions (in the upper part of the city) to leading Magazines and Papers, receiving the money and the periodicals are never delivered. Is supposed to take visiting cards when calling, and to use the names found thereon saying he was sent to them by their friends.

 Ministers are cautioned against "James Fanning," who says he is English but speaks with Irish accent, about 55, claims to have been Secretary to the late "Bishop of London's Fund," and shows letters purporting to be from Rev. Canon Fleming, of London, and the Duke of Cambridge.

 A lady-like, well dressed woman, of middle age and size, and of accomplished manners, has recently solicited residents in and near Madison Avenue for money to aid in putting an aged man, who had seen better days, into a Home. She usually claims to live near by and to be a property owner. She declines having the case looked into, but urges "even a widow's mite" to be given at once, on her statement, to complete the needed sum. She cannot be found at any address given by her, nor any one of similar name.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During April this Committee has treated 57 cases, 35 being new; it has also directed 17 others. It has placed 5 in hospitals, procured relief for 21, secured permanent work for 11, and occasional work for 9. 13 have been made self-supporting, 2 have been emigrated where they could be adequately helped, and 1 fraud was exposed.

Work is wanted for several laborers, stablemen, watchmen and janitors, 1 lithographer, 1 printer, 1 private coachman, (rather delicate) with excellent references; 1 blacksmith, and a boy wanting to learn the carpenter's trade; also several good women for general housework, plain sewing, dressmaking, and first-class laundry work, also 4 girls of 15 and 16, who can tend store or take care of babies.

ANNUAL REPORT.—During the last year we had 320 new cases and some of the old ones under treatment. We found work for over one hundred persons, male and female, thereby helping them to help themselves. Have emigrated six families where they could be self-supporting or where relatives would care for them. Have exposed nine frauds who were imposing on the public by their wiles or begging letters.

After securing our new office and getting it well established, we thought some means should be taken to bring the Society before the public within our district. A circular was issued, asking employers or persons having work of any kind to send their names to the District Office and we would try to help them.

We want more workers, both ladies and gentlemen, who would be willing to visit one or more families, to do for them all that a friend can do, to discover the cause of their dependence and remove it if possible, and help them to self-support and self-respect.

We find that begging from door to door is decreasing rapidly in the district, which may be attributed to the "Out-door" Agents' watchful care and threats to have the children taken from their parents. Most of such cases are unworthy of aid, as in one particular case of a family of children who went out begging regularly: The father had steady work on the "Public Works" for over ten years. The mother sent them to beg, and spent the money given to her by her husband for liquor. She was told the children would be taken from her if found begging again. She promised to send them to school and keep them off the street. The promise was kept for a short time, but the children seemed to be so accustomed to the trade they could not be kept off the street. One of them was arrested and placed in a Reformatory. A short time after the mother was taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering from alcoholism, where she died. The father committed the other little girl to an institution, and he is taking care of the boy himself. In all cases where success can be seen, great encouragement is found, and in others, where the desired end is not obtained it is hoped that the patient efforts of the faithful visitors may do good.

We report a few cases of success in our work. One: a family of father, mother and six children. The man had been a sea captain owning his own vessel, and had travelled all over the world, making profitable voyages. Misfortune came by the failure of a bank in Hong Kong, and he lost all he had saved. When the case came to our notice they were in a desperate state, almost of starvation. A situation was in view for him in Aspinwall, and through the influence of the Committee and Visitor a free passage to and from Aspinwall was secured for him. When he arrived there the country was in a state of revolt. He had to return on the vessel in which he went out after an absence of a month, to meet his family without hope. He was here but a short time when another place opened for him, as a night-watchman in a hotel. The man was not able to do hard labor, so this situation came in good time, and the family are now self-supporting.

Another case of a woman and her four little children in great distress, as the husband and father, who earned \$15.00 per week, came home regularly on Sunday night to sleep off the effects of his Saturday night's and all day Sunday's debauch, without a cent in his pocket for his family. What could she do? As she could not persuade him, she must force him to give his family the benefits of his earnings. When the Committee visited them, and found them actually in want of clothing and other necessities of living, they took steps to have the man's earnings secured for the support of his family. We may mention also the case of an old lady of fifty-six years of age, who, after struggling with poverty in a damp basement, contracted Asthma and was threatened with consumption. She had seen better days and had for a long time kept her story from her neighbors. The Visitor succeeded in getting her in the "House of Rest for Consumptives," where she was happy and contented for several months. She died last Fall, grateful to the Society for its care and attention in securing her a home in which to live and die. We might continue but space will not allow. Suffice it to say that our work has been more satisfactory and effective than last year, and we believe we have reason to congratulate ourselves with the advance we have made in this work. Our table of statistics, will throw some light on what has been accomplished during the past year.

JOS. J. SLOCUM, *Chairman*.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 62 applications, of whom 10 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 50 were taken in charge. Of these latter temporary relief was procured for 6, permanent work for 6, temporary work for 3, and 4 have been made self-supporting. The balance are in abeyance, the Committee having but lately entered upon their duties. 6 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help or their spring cleaning are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

24 cases were treated by this Committee in April, of which 17 were new, 27 others were directed; 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 12, permanent work secured for 10, temporary work for 44. 30 were rendered self-supporting, 27 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 1 fraud was exposed, 8 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 62 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand. Work is wanted for several men willing to do anything, while awaiting the re-opening of their business, viz.: 1 porter, 1 night-watchman, 1 janitor, 1 man-of-all-work and 1 very willing but not over intelligent man for work of any kind; also, several anxious to care for houses during the summer. All are well recommended.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Mrs. E. B. GOODWIN, *Agent*.

This Committee has begun work, and during April it treated 42 cases and directed 11 others, of the 42, 6 only were worthy of continuous relief, 9 of temporary relief, 20 needed work rather than relief, and 7 were unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 2 were placed in hospitals, procured relief for 8, permanent work was secured for 2, occasional work for 6, 1 was thus rendered self-supporting, and 2 frauds were exposed.

Employment is the great need. Families living in the District who can give any kind of work, temporary or regular, to men or women, are urgently desired to send to the District Agent, whose office hours are 9 to 11 A.M. and 4 to 6 P.M.

Work is wanted by 3 dressmakers at home or to go out, 10 for washing and cleaning, 3 for general work and 1 as a nurse; also for 4 janitors, 1 cabinet maker, 1 nurse and 8 laborers or jobbers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 68.—A lady residing on Fifth avenue called to state that a woman had applied to her claiming to be a widow, having 3 children of a dead sister depending upon her for support. She could not get work and they were in a starving condition. The lady told her she would send a visitor to see her and to come again in two days. Investigation revealed, that the name she had given was not her own but a sister's, who had died two months before from effects of drink. She had no children depending upon her, nor was she married. The brother-in-law (husband of the dead sister) was grieved but not surprised at her conduct, to whom, for his wife's sake, he had given a home. He earned good wages as plasterer, and had steady work; gave her home and food, but could not trust her with a penny, as she would spend every thing for drink. The information was duly reported and gratefully received, as serving to prevent the lady from contributing to the woman's dissolute habits.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During April 24 cases have been treated, 17 being new, 5 others were directed, 4 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 17, regular work was secured for 5, temporary work for 9, and 5 were made self-supporting.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, and especially light work for 2 old women, who would be useful in families at very low wages.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

This office is now open, and the Committee has entered upon its duties. In April it treated 33 cases, and directed 12 others to the proper source of help. Relief was procured for 5, work for 5, 1 thus rendered self-supporting and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In April, 28 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 15 were new, and 13 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 11, 1 was placed in a hospital, &c.; work secured for 13, 4 were rendered self-supporting, 3 were emigrated to the care of relatives, and 6 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 6 families and 5 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 2 janitors, 1 watchman, &c.; also for 4 women to do washing and ironing, 2 for plain sewing, 1 to attend house during summer, and 1 as saleslady, &c.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The Committee finds a marked increase of business in the year now ended, as compared with the preceding twelve months. Especially is this so, as regards cases investigated for churches, societies and individuals charitably interested in them; an important branch of work and one it is pleasant to find so encouraging, indicating as it does, the confidence reposed in the Society, by those having the welfare of the poor at heart. The Committee, Visitors, Agent and our co-operating friends, the latter, a constantly increasing circle, have become more familiar with the Society's work, the charitable resources of the City, the poor people of the District, &c., and the additional business has in consequence entailed no more labor than was required to do a less amount last year. The knowledge gained of the relief-seeking portion of the District, by no means an inconsiderable part, has been of great value. As the result of our continued examinations, we find that we have to face an amount of vicious poverty, astonishing to contemplate, and while by no means hopeless of remedy, yet difficult to deal with, so far as the higher motive of the Society—permanent improvement of condition—is concerned. Years of relief seeking and dependence have caused a degree of demoralization, requiring months of patient effort to eradicate, even under the most favorable conditions. Our experience continues to show that the best remedy for this state of affairs is the kindly directed and persistent efforts of the Friendly Visitors, who volunteer for the work because they have its advancement at heart. They go to the poor as friends, not as alms-givers, and seek to forward their material interests in every way possible and proper. On those at all amenable to kindness, willing to accept advice, and to make use of the ways to self-dependence, or as near thereto as possible, according to the circumstances of the case, this mode of treatment has invariably had excellent effect. The possibilities of work in this direction are only restricted by the number of Visitors engaged. We have now but 22 names on our list of volunteers, but not all of these are actively at work, and in consequence the good done is kept within limits much too circumscribed. Our District could well use 10 times this number, and we are anxious to have as many as possible aid us by taking 1, 2 or 3 cases, in no event exceeding the latter number, to look after. Great praise is due to the Friendly Visitors. Whatever has been well and thoroughly done to permanently aid and elevate the poor, has been done mainly by them, and were it proper to particularize, a number of instances of the rarest devotion to cases under their care could be mentioned. There is however, of the more vicious poor, a large number unwilling to receive these kind offices, having no desire to help themselves, and who are abusive unless their request for alms, without question or reference to their habits, or their actual needs, is speedily complied with. These have in many instances yielded to repressive measures. Finding relief-seeking made unprofitable because few were willing to do for them without first making inquiry of us and, that it was made harder to beg a dollar than to earn one, they have been obliged to make efforts to provide for themselves.

Committee meetings have been held regularly each Monday during the year, except in the Summer time. Every other week the Visitors have met with the Committee to consult together as to the treatment of cases and to consider other matters relating to the welfare of the poor. The benefit arising from this meeting cannot be over-estimated. The interest of all has been visibly increased, and the Visitors who have been most punctual in their attendance have been always the most successful in treating the cases under their care, mainly because they have become better acquainted with and learned to apply to the treatment of the poor, the underlying and vital principles of the Society. As in the previous year, small reliance has been placed on mere temporary relief as a means of doing permanent good. We have not however, in any instance neglected to secure adequate aid of this nature, where it was considered proper to be given. It has been secured for deserving widows, striving vainly to support families of young children, in cases where accident, or long continued illness has rendered it necessary, and also for old people unable to earn a support and for whom the almshouse seemed inappropriate. But a small percentage, however, of the cases under our care have required or deserved aid of this nature, and what has been had has been given by some appropriate relief society or by private benevolence, on our recommendation. In each case a visitor has been

appointed to see that it was not misapplied and that no degree of effort was paralyzed by its use. The Wood Yard has been of service to us as a labor test, not that a man willing to go there to work for a few days is proven to be industrious, but because it has given us an opportunity to have work to offer to able-bodied men seeking relief on the plea that they are "out of work." About 50 per cent. of this class to whom work was offered either declined it or took the order and did not present it, while but 25 per cent. of those going to work were found to be likely to retain employment if procured for them. Of those coming to us to seek work, we find few are to be recommended. Our standard of excellence must be kept as high as the employers, and were the applicants industrious and deserving they could get work were it to be had. We believe the labor market here to be greatly overstocked, especially with unskilled laborers, and so far as we can learn it is so in all except the new communities of the West or South and upon the farms, &c. So that in our judgment all aid given to able-bodied men should be for the purpose of assisting them to such communities, of which they may become self-dependent and self-reliant members, and nothing should be done to encourage them to remain here to enter into disastrous competition with their fellows. During the Summer a number of working girls known to us as respectable received through the kindness of the Working Girls Vacation Society the benefit of a fortnight in the country. They all gave the small amount required by the Society to be paid where possible, and we believe enjoyed themselves all the better for it. Over a hundred children of the District were sent by us and made glad on farms in this and adjoining States, through the aid of the Tribune Fresh Air Fund. Many of them caught a glimpse of country life for the first time and have been longing to go back ever since.

At Christmas time the ladies of the Flower and Fruit Mission kindly helped to make the holidays brighter by sending gifts to a large number of small children and some old people, whose names we sent to the Mission. The churches and beneficent societies of and adjacent to the District have come to co-operate with us more and more and many of their Visitors, either voluntarily or by direction, come to consult us in regard to new cases applying to them for aid or to learn the best methods of dealing with the old and dependent ones. Under this atmosphere of confidence we feel that our work cannot but prosper, and we trust that the record of the coming year may far excel that of the one now ended. GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Chairman*.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROB'T. W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., (after May 15th, at 29 E. 9th St.) Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

68 cases have been cared for during April, 35 of which were new, and 40 others have been directed. 14 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 4, permanent work was secured for 30, occasional work for 40, 30 were rendered thus self-supporting, 30 others were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 3 were emigrated where support awaited them, 2 families were broken up to save the children, and 1 was removed to better and healthier quarters, and 5 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for 1 paper-hanger, 2 painters, 3 male nurses, 2 copyists, 2 janitors, 20 house-cleaners, 2 cooks, 2 laundresses, 3 housekeepers and 2 seamstresses.

ANNUAL REPORT.—After a third winter's experience this Committee wish to record their firm belief that the Society's general scheme of dealing with the poor best solves the much vexed problem of how to make the poor better; that thorough investigation must precede any proper remedy for distress, that experience and knowledge must apply that remedy, and that it is seldom if ever direct relief, except in cases of disability from sickness, infancy or old age. While we often meet with discouragement, and results sometimes seem hardly commensurate with effort expended, we nevertheless are satisfied that much permanent good is accomplished, and confidently expect much more, as the Society's work is better known and more general co-operation is secured. Our District Committee has met twice every month until recently, when a monthly meeting has been found sufficient.

Special cases have been treated entirely through our sub-committees. That on Relief has met regularly twice a week, and even with such frequent attendance has found great difficulty in disposing of its work.

Our Committee on Visitation and Co-operation has met weekly, as has also our Ladies Committee. This last named Committee has given most efficient aid in many cases which could only be properly dealt with through them. We have found quality more important than quantity in Friendly Visitors, and consequently have delegated the authority of the Society only to those few who by knowledge and experience have proved themselves thoroughly capable, and to those few we are under great obligations. We cannot too strongly condemn the plan of accepting the help of all who volunteer, without satisfactory proof of their ability and willingness to carry out the principles of the Society. We have never had more regular attendance at the meetings of our general Committee and Sub-Committees than this winter, which is the best proof of interest taken and results accomplished, inasmuch as our membership is composed entirely of men and women in active life, with many claims on their time, who would not be content to give their time and attention unless they felt themselves thus rewarded.

Of the original twelve members of the Committee formed three winters ago eight still remain in active service. We have not received the co-operation of the churches and residents of the district to such an extent as we have a right to expect; but confidence is a plant of slow growth, and we must be content to win our way slowly. Our District Agent, Mrs. Ada M. Craig, is very zealous and energetic in her work, and has the confidence of the entire Committee.

The statistical statement of the work done, including the "Fresh Air" work of the past Summer, will be published with the Annual Report of the Society. ROBERT W. DE FOREST, *Chairman*.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 54 cases taken up in April, 41 being new, also 3 families, and 7 homeless persons directed. 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 12, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 1, temporary work for 14, 1 was made self-supporting, and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Work is wanted for 15 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; 18 boys from 13 to 18, 2 shoemakers, 3 carpenters, 2 waiters, and 1 assistant bookkeeper; also 10 good women for general housework, 2 good laundresses, 3 seamstresses, 3 well-recommended nurses, 4 excellent housekeepers or janitresses, and 1 very good woman to take charge of infant or young child.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During April, 251 cases were dealt with, 192 of which were new. 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 31, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 3, 2 were emigrated where they could be self-supporting, and 14 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 women to do housework, 3 seamstresses, 7 laborers with families, 6 porters or watchmen, 4 drivers, 1 coachman, 1 professional nurse, 1 draughtsman, 4 clerks and 1 painter.

SITUATION WANTED for a nice tidy girl, who has a wooden leg, does work neatly, is a good seamstress, but cannot go up and down stairs rapidly, or work on her knees. Is very cheerful and helpful, and it is thought she will make a very good servant in a suitable place.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

N. B.—The Charity Organization Wood Yard removed in April to S. W. Cor. Avenue B and 19th St., adjoining the premises of C. W. Alcott & Co.

The Yard closed May 1st for the Summer, but the Committee in charge hope to open it again in the Fall with a Labor Bureau annexed. Meanwhile Messrs. Alcott & Co. will fill all orders for the Society, upon the same terms as heretofore (\$4.00 per load, delivered and put in,) and will credit the Wood-Yard Committee with 50 cents per load commission on every such order, and will also give work to as many men as possible who may be sent by the Society for work. Orders may be sent by postal direct to the Society, care of C. W. Alcott & Co. at above address.

(In order to publish the excellent Annual Reports of our District Committees we are obliged to omit nearly all illustrative cases this month.)

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We feel compelled once more to urge our members to do what they can to replenish our scant Treasury before the Summer is upon us. We received in May a few liberal responses to our appeal in the last Bulletin, but unless much more is realized we must seriously curtail our work for the next four months. This means untold suffering for hundreds of families, helpless and friendless in this great city, when so many churches and societies have stopped work, and so many benevolent homes are closed. A leading weekly paper says:

"It is reported that the Charity Organization Society of New York City is considering the necessity of closing its district offices owing to the impoverished condition of its treasury. The Society has already accomplished incalculable good by its systematic investigation of applications for relief, the result of which has been to expose frauds, suppress street-begging, and procure prompt and practical relief for the worthy poor. It would be a lasting reproach to the city, if this Society should be allowed to fail for want of the comparatively small amount of money that is needed to enable it to carry on its work."

During the 4 summer months of 1884 this Society treated and befriended 1790 families, and the calls will doubtless be larger this year. Will not our friends who are turning to their summer enjoyments remember that the need of our work never ceases?

Checks should be drawn to the order of the "Charity Organization Society," our Treasurer, Mr. A. M. Dodge, having been compelled by press of other duties and much absence from the city to resign, and his successor not yet selected.

Dr. S. O. VANDERPOEL, after three years faithful service as our President, has also been compelled, from inability to longer spare the requisite time, to resign, but still remains on our Council; and Mr. FRANCIS H. WEEKS, who has served upon our 10th District Committee since its inception, has been elected to succeed him.

Our friends can help to secure new members for us, and benefit many good people who need our co-operation and protection, by making our work a subject of conversation in their leisure hours this summer.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received.....2,259	Number of Reports sent out677
New cases and removals.....1,183	Referred for Investigation..... 96
Total Number of Reports on File, 88,731.	

The District Committees Report

Cases considered..... 794	Procured relief for..... 77
Directed to the proper Charity..... 285	Aided by loans..... 4
False addresses..... 44	Secured work for..... 211
Worthy continuous relief " temporary "..... 98	Made self-supporting..... 93
Needing work instead of relief..... 258	Emigrated..... 16
Unworthy of relief..... 81	Families broken up..... 0
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c..... 36	Frauds exposed or suppressed..... 35
	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c... 106
	Friendly Visitors on duty 144

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (EDWARD CIARDI,) has dealt with 65 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
9 Begging Letter-writers.	25 in cheap lodging-houses.
24 Sidewalk beggars.	10 in their own homes.
21 House-to-house beggars.	6 gave false addresses.
8 Tramps.	13 Station-house lodgers, &c.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
14 helpless through infirmity.*	5 needy and worthy.*
41, or 63 per cent., able-bodied.	4 had ample means.
10 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.	24 shiftless and idle.
	31 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 30 warned, directed and counselled, 23 committed for 1 to 6 months, 2 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Contributions, May, 1885.

Blagden, Thomas..... \$10 00	Norwood, Mrs. A. G..... \$5 00
Bliss, Fabyan & Co..... 25 00	Ottendorfer, Oswald..... 250 00
Bonn, Wm. B..... 25 00	Patterson, Mrs. A. W..... 5 00
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Brown, Rev. Abbott..... 100 00	Pott, Francis..... 5 00
Carnegie, Andrew..... 100 00	Pretori, Rev. Cornelius..... 1 00
Carter, Dr. H. Skelton..... 5 00	Purdy, J. Henry..... 10 00
Cash, (Mrs. S. L.)..... 5 00	Purdy, Mrs. J. Henry..... 5 00
Clark, W. Irving..... 5 00	Renwick, James..... 10 00
Congdon, E. L..... 5 00	Rives, G. L..... 10 00
Cooper, Edward..... 50 00	Rockefeller, John D..... 100 00
Corlies, Mrs. B. F..... 5 00	Rockefeller, Wm..... 100 00
Crosby, Mrs. E. M..... 5 00	Rosenblatt, Leo. G..... 30 00
Doscher, Miss M. R..... 5 00	Seaman, Mrs. C. A..... 5 00
Eads, James B..... 10 00	Seligman, George W..... 25 00
Edson, The Misses..... 10 00	Seligman, Isaac N..... 10 00
Emerson, Dr. J. H..... 10 00	Sellew, T. G..... 25 00
Flagler, H. M..... 100 00	Sheldon, Walter L..... 10 00
Flint, Charles R..... 25 00	Shriver, Walter..... 25 00
Fox, Austen G..... 10 00	Smith, A. L. & W. L..... 20 00
"Friend A"..... 5 00	Soc. for Relief of Poor Wid-
Frauenstein, Dr. G..... 10 00	ows with small children, 25 00
Froehlich, Mrs. B..... 5 00	Speyer & Co..... 50 00
Gibson, Mrs. L. P..... 5 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lisenard..... 10 00
Gold, Cornelius B..... 10 00	Sturgis, Russell..... 25 00
Gregory, Mrs. H. A..... 10 00	Tapley, Mrs. J. F..... 5 00
Hadden, The Misses..... 5 00	Taylor, Douglas..... 5 00
Hoe, Mrs. Robert Jr..... 10 00	Townsend, Mrs. W. H..... 5 00
Howe, Walter..... 5 00	Treadwell, Mrs. W. F..... 10 00
Howell, Mrs. R. S..... 5 00	Tuck, Henry, M. D..... 10 00
Johnston, Colles..... 10 00	Twombly, H. McK..... 1,000 00
Knight, George T..... 10 00	Vanderpoel, Mrs. A. J..... 10 00
Levi, A. A..... 10 00	Van Winkle, E. B..... 10 00
Lord, George DeForest..... 10 00	Waller, Mrs. Martha..... 10 00
Lowry, Robert C..... 10 00	Wandell, B. C..... 5 00
Maurice, John R..... 25 00	Wendell, Susan H..... 5 00
Miller, Chas. A..... 10 00	Wheeler, Everett P..... 5 00
Mills, Abraham..... 10 00	Wheelock, Dr. Geo. G..... 10 00
Mott, Mrs. Wm. F..... 5 00	Willets, Mrs. Wm. H..... 5 00
McClure, Mrs. George..... 25 00	Witherbee, Mrs. C. S..... 5 00
McMullen, Thomas..... 10 00	Witherbee, Miss F..... 5 00
Neeves, Mrs. M. A..... 5 00	Witherbee, Mrs. F. S..... 5 00

The Society's Clearing-House, or Bureau of Registration

Now has **206** Constituents (Societies and Churches) which exchange information through it.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	alias Home for Children or Aged
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's	Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High
Cleft Mission."	Bridge,) or any other institution
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	managed by Wm. H. Ramsar.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform Aid.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or School
Institute for Children, 9 Living-	Children's Benefit Soc., A.B.Clark,
ston Place.	Manager.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	Reform Charity Union.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Society of Holy Innocents,
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in	East 164th Street.
N. Y.)	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

NEWSPAPER APPEALS, as a rule, are unreliable, and are instigated by professional operators.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Several unauthorized parties have recently been active in soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workingmen, especially freight handlers. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers. Our attention has been called to the Freight Employees Benevolent Association. Independent Workingmen's Mutual Association. Non-Union Laborers of the N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad. United Association of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.

Persons soliciting donations for Charitable purposes should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Swindlers in this line, some of them most prepossessing and plausible, are active now, while the hard times excite so much sympathy.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it.

The principal names upon the Cautionary Lists of the past season, are here, by frequent request, recapitulated.

Asch, Henrietta.	Coggins, H. A.	Jaschlitz, Louise.	Peterson, (col'd) Robt. al. Jas. al.
Atkins, W. P.	Curran, James.	Johnson, Matilda.	Wm. and Josephine al. Amella.
Adams, Geo. and Mary.	Curran, Margaret.	Johnson, John.	Pirie, Dr. John Dassin.
Allison, Wm. and Catharine.	Curtis, James.	Jones, Anna.	Potter, Phebe and Mary.
Anderson, Miss.	Cavanagh, James and Mary E.	Johnson, Annie.	Paye, Rosa.
Angelotta, Caterina.	Conrad, Annie.	Kempster, Charles.	Penfield, H. A.
Austin, Ida.	Craig, Margaret.	Kersholt, Bernard and Henrietta.	Pigott, Wm. and Isabel.
Alexander, Thomas.	Cavanagh, John.	Kelly, James.	Parslow, Anna.
Altner, Jettie.	Donnelly, Ann.	Kane, Mary.	Price, Mary.
Adsch, or Hedsch, John.	Dean, Geo. and Honorah.	Kennedy, Maria.	Pinkham, Seth and Linda.
Ahearn, Mary.	Dumas, Catherine.	Kennedy, Thos. and Margaret.	Post, Abraham and Ella.
Bennett, Luke Francis.	Driscoll, Jeremiah.	Koerner, Henry and Louisa.	Rappelyea, Rachel or Mary.
Berniger, Mary.	Dean, Sarah.	Lasar, Mrs.	Rowell, Elizabeth.
Buckley, C. S.	DeFay, Dorothea and Emma.	Leahy, Daniel.	Ryer, Silas and Mary.
Barras, Chas. and Maggie.	Davies, Aug. and Mary.	Lindner, George.	Richardson, James.
Barrett, Chas.	Duckett, George.	Lowenthal, Gustav.	Reeves, Johanna.
Bell, Nellie or Eva.	Deering, John F. and Christina.	Lucas, William.	Ross, Wm. and Etta.
Bennett, Mrs. Louisa.	Dolz, Geo. and Mary.	Langenzehn, Moritz and Mary.	Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth.
Braeme, Miss A. F.	Downing, Ann.	Lingard, Alfred.	Ryall, John C.
Bailey, Samuel A.	Demeter, John.	Lotinga, Samuel.	Redel, Frederick.
Barclay, John D.	Eiler, Henry.	Langdon, Daniel and Ellen.	Reilly, Margaret.
Belden, James Y.	Eberle, Peter.	Lewis, Harry.	Richardson, Thomas.
Bennett, Frederick.	Eichhorn, Gustavus and Clara.	Laval, James B.	Ryan, Patrick and Jennie.
Benson, James.	Ferris, Theodore, (colored.)	Livingston, Henry.	Revero, Emanuel and Emma.
Blake, Robert.	Flower, Harriet.	Leach Lucy.	Rowe, Louis and Catherine.
Bond, Eugene.	Folsom, Wm. H. and Mary.	Loesch, Magdalena.	Shay, Nancy.
Bowron, Thomas.	Fallen, Jennie or Mary.	Lovesky, Otto and Mary.	Smith, Mrs. Augusta.
Bradley, Wm. H.	Fitzgerald, James.	McHugh, John and Julia.	Swan, Mrs. E. A.
Braudman, Thos. C.	Fleming, John and Jane.	McCary, Patrick and Ann.	Sayles, John W.
Brooks, J. M. or A. B.	Featherstone, Carrie.	McGloin, Margaret and Mary.	Schoenig, Frederick.
Brown, "Rev." M. C.	Groushenan, George.	McManus, Thomas and Sarah.	Sheridan, John.
Brown, Sarah.	Gerner, Alexander.	McGee, Patrick and Kate.	Siebert, Annie.
Burgess, C. S.	Grey, Clara.	McAleer, Kate.	Sage, Sam'l P. and Emma.
Burns, Betsey.	Goodrich, Hezekiah and Louisa.	McDonald, Henry.	Sherman, Stokes, James.
Burns, Robert.	Graham, Peter and Mary.	McFaddin, Maria.	Smith, Chas. D.
Burton, Wm.	Godled, Bernard and Henrietta.	McManus, Margaret.	Swords, James B. and Louisa.
Babcock, Ellen.	Gotthold, Gottied, Gottleid, Goldberg, Harris.	McFaddin, Mary.	Sears, Mary.
Baldwin, Mary.	Grady, Mary and Katie.	Meredith, James E., Jr.	Schneider, John.
Bowley, Angeline M.	Grant, Edward and James.	Moll, Jules and Catherine.	Sharpless, Jane.
Burns, Mary.	Gilhooley, Henry.	Moulton, Selina.	Smith, Adelaide.
Beattie, Andrew J.	Grolp, Mary E.	Mackey, John.	Taylor, James.
Brady, Harry.	Graham, Edward.	Marshall, Nellie.	Twinnage, Julia.
Bush, John.	Green, Chas. J.	Moynahan, Catharine.	Tyler, Mrs. Ogden H.
Bernhardt, Edward and Eva.	Gunter, Robert and Sarah.	Miller, A. N.	Thompson, Wm. and Jessie.
Bender, Benidicks, Bendix, Boyd, Chas. N.	Grady, Rich'd and Elizabeth.	Moore, Louisa.	Tighe, Chas. and Louisa.
Budd, Mich'l and Margaret.	Hopkins, Catherine.	Magnus, Louis and Margaret.	Turner, Frank and Emma.
Banks, Agnes.	Hall, Henry and Etta.	Mansfield, Wm. and Marie.	Tully, Margaret.
Bartell, Henry.	Hall, James.	Marshall, John and Ellen.	Toomey, Michael.
Barton, Clara.	Holden, John Josiah.	Massey, Robt. C.	Montigney, Theodore.
Brown, Thos. W. and Mamie.	Hastings, Charles F.	Montigney, Theodore.	Morton, Wm. and Marie.
Cardani, Angela.	Hughes, Francis.	Murray, Marie and Carrie.	Mortimer, Harry and Louisa.
Cedarburgh, Louis.	Huyler, Mrs. Louise.	Moore, Catherine.	Moran, Daniel and Annie.
Clark, George.	Hart, Ann.	Mack, Albert.	Murphy, Annie.
Carr, James and Margaret.	Hauer, John C.	Moore, Jennie.	Nichols, James and Belle C.
Crocker, Mrs. Annie.	Henderson, George.	Moriarty, John and Mary.	Nuding, Bertha and Henrietta.
Cahill, Wm. E.	Holt, Roland.	Morris, Samuel.	Noonan, Charles.
Campbell, John.	Howard, George.	Mortimer, Harry and Louisa.	Nemelt, Elka.
Campbell, Catharine.	Hammersmith, Jennie or Mary.	Moran, Daniel and Annie.	Nickerson, Mrs. (Street Beggar).
Chrystie, Margaret.	Howell, Bertram and Mary.	Murphy, Annie.	Norton, — and Mary.
Cleary, Michael and Isabella.	Handley, Mary.	Nichols, John and Mary.	Nichols, John and Mary.
Coles, Rachel.	Haste, John and Jane.	O'Rourke, Margaret.	Orr, David.
Cam, Wm. Allan and "Lady Florence."	Horne, Wm. and Elizabeth.	Omer, Wm. B. and Mary.	O'Donnell, Henry.
Cane, Mrs.	Huger, Pat'k and Margaret.	O'Malley, Mary.	Owens, Margaret.
Carlisle, Sarah.	Hull, Frederick.	Palmer, Mrs. E. A.	Price, Almira.
Clinton, Daniel M.	Harrison, Patrick and Ellen.		
Cohen, Joseph.	Henderson, John and Susah.		
Connolly, Sophia.	Irwin, William.		
Coughlan, Francis and Nora.	Jamieson, J. F.		
Carroll, H. A.	Johnson, William.		
Carroll, Margaret.	Jones, Mrs. John.		
Casey, Francis.	Johnson, Joseph.		
	Jones, Mrs. Mary.		

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian and Ida.	Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.	Lyons, Cornelia A.	Solomon, Henry.
Britton, Mary.	Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Meyers, Ann.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Butel, A. H.	Kiely, Ann Lee.	Nicholson, John.	Williams, Mary Ann.
Harding, Mary R.	King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.	Sheridan, Mattie.	Wilson, Jane.
Harris, Ann.	Lyman, Kate.	Smith, Mary Ida.	

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During May this Committee has treated 43 cases, 13 being new; it has also directed 11 others. It has placed 2 in hospitals, procured relief for 8, secured permanent work for 6, and occasional work for 13. 7 have been made self-supporting, 2 have been emigrated where they could be adequately helped, and 3 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 3 men over 50 as watchmen and janitors, and 2 boys well recommended, to do errands. Also several good women for general housework by the day; also 3 girls of 14 and 17, who can take care of babies.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 285.—A husband, wife and two children were sent to the Society for investigation and care. The Committee visited the family and found the man able to be about, but very far advanced in consumption. The wife was delicate, with a young baby to nurse, and so not able to work enough to support the family. They had exhausted their little savings, and knew not what to do. A Visitor was put in charge of the family, and subsequently learned that they had relations in a neighboring State who would take care of the family if they could be sent to them, but could not afford the expenses of their removal. Money was raised to defray their travelling expenses, and to store their furniture for a month, while deciding what plan to adopt in their new home. The Visitor superintended their departure, as well as the packing and shipping of the furniture, and made them feel that a friend indeed, bringing adequate relief, was suddenly sent to them in their time of direst need.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 38 applications during May, of whom 6 were carefully directed to proper help, 1 gave false address, and 31 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 3, permanent work for 5, temporary work for 6, and 4 have been made self-supporting. 7 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. —.—A man with wife and four children lost his situation in the South, by death of his employer. When means were nearly exhausted they came North. When brought to our notice the entire family were just recovering from sickness. Man and woman were both willing to do anything to earn an honest living. The work of cleaning our new office was offered to the woman and she accepted it gladly. The man however refused to let her go, manfully claiming that it was his place to work and hers to care for the children, and so he came. He washed the floor, walls and windows, put up a partition and painted it, and did all the work necessary to put the office in good condition. A situation in a family was procured for the eldest girl, where she gives satisfaction. The man is now filling a good situation out of the City, and he has moved his family to his own vicinity.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

REV. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

57 cases were treated by this Committee in May, of which 18 were new, 12 others were directed; 3 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 3, permanent work secured for 17, temporary work for 28, 29 were rendered self-supporting, 27 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 3 frauds were exposed, 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 61 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand. 2 good girls (14 and 17) to mind babies. No reliable men out of work, but 3 inefficient but worthy, for light jobs.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 389.—A delicate young woman, having committed some indiscretion, drifted to this City from the South, unknown to her relatives. When referred to us she was without money or home, having been already entertained at all the homes for friendless women, each in turn objecting to do more for her, owing to the trying nature of her disposition. A small sum was placed at our disposal for her benefit, and a temporary home was provided while her case was investigated. This required time, and when the money was exhausted, a place was found for her, where by light work she could earn her board and clothing. Communication with her brother resulted in an invitation from him for this sister supposed to be dead. She eagerly accepted it, and was sent to him. We have since received letters from her brother and herself thanking us for patient care and help.

CASE 638.—A resident of the district called our attention to "a most respectable-looking woman" who had begged at the door with a baby in her arms, telling a pitiful tale of destitution. Her husband had been unemployed all winter, and she, driven to desperation, had that day for the first time begged, but had received nothing. Relief was given by the resident, who promised further aid, and obtained her name and address in strict confidence, as the woman dreaded that her neighbors should know of her distress. We were asked to investigate the case as quietly and with as little exposure as possible. Result—false address. Moral—Wait until *after* investigation to relieve.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Mrs. E. B. GOODWIN, *Agent*.

This Committee has begun work, and during May it treated 49 cases and directed 11 others, of the 49, 8 only were worthy of continuous relief, 6 of temporary relief, 12 needed work rather than relief, and 4 were unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 1 was placed in a hospital, procured relief for 9, permanent work was secured for 2, occasional work for 3, 1 was thus rendered self-supporting, and 2 frauds were exposed.

Employment is much needed. Families living in the District who can give any kind of work, temporary or regular, to men or women, are urgently desired to send to the District Agent, whose office hours are 9 to 11 A.M. and 4 to 6 P.M.

Work is wanted by dressmakers at home or to go out, several for washing and cleaning, and general work, also for men as janitors, nurses and laborers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 89.—The Pastor of a near Church stated that he was called to see Mrs. ———, and found her in great distress, requesting us to investigate and put her in the way of obtaining relief. Found that the woman who was lodging in a basement with a laboring girl, was taken suddenly ill, and a doctor from the neighborhood was with difficulty found, who was willing to visit her. A fine boy was born without any provision. Some unmarried woman living in the same house prepared temporary clothing for the babe; and as the case was one of immediate necessity, medicine and food for the mother, and clothing for the babe, were procured at once, through the co-operation of neighboring charities. After other efforts failed, through the influence of a visitor an entrance for mother and babe was procured into an institution, where they will be cared for until the woman is strong enough to earn her living as segar maker. She says she is deserted by her husband, who is also a segar maker.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During May, 40 cases have been treated, 16 being new, 3 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 18, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 3, and 3 were made self-supporting.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, especially light work for 2 old men, who would be useful in families at very low wages. 4 seamstresses and 3 nurses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 477.—Is that of a man with wife and one child, who was suffering from derangement of the stomach, and in a somewhat critical condition. His physician strongly advised that he be sent to the far West. He was without money or friends. After careful investigation, it was decided to secure passage for him and his family to one of the Territories. Charitable people were found to furnish the necessary funds, and within a month from the time that application was made, the Committee were advised of their safe arrival at Las Vegas, New Mexico. One of the Committee corresponded with a friend at that place, who took charge of them on their arrival, found light work for the man at once, and shortly after permanent employment on a ranch for both man and wife. Their child is with them.

CASE 489.—A physician in one of the largest dispensaries referred to us the case of a young girl threatened with consumption, whose friends were unable to care for her. A Friendly Visitor acted with promptness and energy, and within three weeks from the time of application the girl was comfortably settled in a House of Rest for Consumptives.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

In May this Committee treated 42 cases, and directed 13 others to the proper source of help. Relief was procured for 3, work for 15, 2 thus rendered self-supporting and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 40.—An elderly man and wife, with 5 grown children, were recently brought to want by the death within a short time of two sons, 18 and 24, by pneumonia, and the almost simultaneous breaking down in health of two daughters, which cut off their earnings, thus taking away almost the family's entire support. The youngest girl and the father only were left to work, and their joint earnings of \$12 weekly had to pay off funeral expenses and care for the sick. These burdens quickly brought them to grief and they sought the help of this Society. A careful investigation established excellent characters for all, and their physician stating that the only hope of saving the lives of the invalid daughters being in removal to a suitable country home, it was decided to establish them in such a home where they could be self-supporting. A desirable place was found on high and healthy land in a 12-roomed house, with 12 acres of land, where boarders could be taken from some city societies who agreed to supply all the family could receive and to pay remunerative rates. The Committee raised from their church and other co-operating friends and societies \$130 to start them in their new home, and they are now settled in the country, with every prospect of independence and regained health and position. Their letters of thanks are most touching.

No. —A little child carried to the door of a benevolent lady a letter from a Mrs. B—, of West 16th street, saying her husband was out of work, and she and her seven small children were without the necessities of life, and were about to be put in the street for non-payment of rent. Instead of responding by a gift, the letter was immediately referred to the District Agent, who promptly visited the alleged residence, and found that no person of that name had ever lived at the given address, nor was any one in the house about to be dispossessed.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In May, 46 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 10 were new, and 20 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 3, 1 was placed in a hospital, &c.; work secured for 9, 6 were rendered self-supporting, and 8 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 12 families and 8 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 2 janitors, 1 watchman, &c.; also for 4 women to do washing and ironing, 2 for plain sewing, 2 to attend houses during summer, 2 as saleswomen, and 1 woman to do embroidery, &c.

CASE 459.—A domestic, who owing to severe protracted illness, had been compelled to spend all her savings and pawn her clothing, was entirely destitute and without sufficient apparel to obtain a situation. She asked for employment, but was unwilling to accept alms. Investigation proved this case a meritorious one, and temporary work was at once obtained, enabling her to live, and also to buy clothing. Before the money thus earned was used, a permanent place was secured for her at \$12 a month, which she continues to fill to the complete satisfaction of a somewhat particular employer.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROBT W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

149 cases have been cared for during May, 27 of which were new, and 70 others have been directed. 21 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 4, permanent work was secured for 35, occasional work for 50, 35 were rendered thus self-supporting, 35 others were adequately helped by developing their own resources, 3 were emigrated where support awaited them, and 3 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 717.—An almost hopeless case, wife sick and in apparently dying condition; husband without employment 6 months; neither food or fire. Both were quite refined, and no appearance of drink; had gone down, down, down, until they could get no farther; every feeling had merged into quiet despair; sent a nurse, coal and food, and then two visitors took case in charge. Warm bedding was procured, as they had almost perished with cold, then clothing for mother and child and some nourishing food followed; the future still very cloudy. The man being very near sighted, and under size, could do no laboring work. Still visitors were prepossessed, and anxious for some result to their labors. The Doctor said that the woman would recover, if she had a certain bill of fare, which was of a costly order. Nothing daunted, the visitors set about carrying it out to the letter. The search for work was assiduously pursued; and finally it came in the shape of a lucrative engagement, so it seemed to all concerned, of \$40 per month. The man entered upon his duties, and the woman continued to improve rapidly under the new regimen. At the expiration of his first two weeks work, he received \$20 with the intimation that his pay was increased to \$50 per month, as he had been found very efficient. The Visitors still hold their interest, and, some months having passed, they report every thing progressing most favorably, with evidences of continued self-support.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 49 cases taken up in May, 21 being new, also 3 families, and 6 homeless persons directed, relief was procured for 4, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 5, 2 were made self-supporting, and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Work is wanted for 15 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; 2 janitors, 2 office boys, very bright; well educated Swede with excellent references, willing to do anything; 7 women for day work, 3 laundresses, 4 seamstresses, 3 excellent women as janitresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 692.—A prepossessing young woman applied for employment with a strange but interesting story, to the effect that she had married two years ago, a young man of wealthy parents. He had, however, failed to provide her a home, and had contributed nothing towards her support. His family were annoyed at the marriage and would have nothing to do with the young wife, who was left to maintain herself while her husband lived in affluence. A child had been born, and died at the age of five months, but even this had no effect on the husband, who still kept aloof and refused to recognize his wife. The story proved true in every particular, and a legal member of the Committee became at once interested in the matter and offered to take up the young wife's cause. Failing to settle it quickly by writing to the young man, criminal proceedings were commenced against him, he was arrested on a charge of abandonment and non support, the case was tried in a police court, and, unable to justify himself, the husband was placed under bonds to contribute a sufficient weekly sum for the support of his wife.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During May, 291 cases were dealt with, 132 of which were new. 5 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 20, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 4, and 11 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

OUT-DOOR OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT.

An English clerk, 52 years old, pretended to be blind, and begged from door to door for money to buy thread to fill his empty box for peddling, and gathered a large harvest. His habit was to work up a street in the morning, groping his way with a stick; and when his stent was reached, suddenly recovered his sight, spending rest of the day in some Park and in a favorite distillery. Justice Murray sent him to the Workhouse for 6 months, where his sight is excellent.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

N. B.—The Charity Organization Wood Yard removed in April to S. W. Cor. Avenue B and 19th St.

The Yard closed May 1st for the Summer, but the Committee in charge hope to open it again in the Fall with a Labor Bureau annexed. Meanwhile Messrs. Alcott & Co. will fill all orders for the Society, upon the same terms as heretofore (\$4.00 per load, delivered and put in,) and will credit the Wood-Yard Committee with 50 cents per load commission on every such order, and will also give work to as many men as possible who may be sent by the Society for work. Orders may be sent by postal direct to the Society, care of C. W. Alcott & Co. at above address.

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OUR SUMMER WORK

The work of the past summer has been heavier than that of any similar season in the experience of the Society. Not only is it better understood that this Society never intermits its labors, while the great majority of churches and societies suspend or reduce their benevolent work, but we find the summer is peculiarly the season for the best work among the poor who have appealed for help during the previous winter. There is then less reliance upon charitable relief, and better opportunities for physical and moral uplifting. Our agents not only secure for their wards the benefits of the appropriate Fresh-Air charities, but have the best occasions for improving their sanitary surroundings, aiding to secure better employments, stimulating to thrift and habits of providence, and exerting more personal and elevating influence than when they are expected to help the poor to free supplies of those necessities which they should earn for themselves. This faithful summer work will thus graduate many from the lists of dependence during the coming winter.

This uninterrupted work has caused uninterrupted expense, and has been a heavy drain upon our resources. We ask for an early and liberal remembrance of our depleted treasury by our returning members and friends.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received. . 6,118	Number of Reports sent out . . . 970
New cases and removals. . . 3,576	Referred for Investigation. . . 577
Total Number of Reports. . . 94,849	Total Families registered. . . 68,122

The District Committees Report

Cases considered. 2,119
Directed to the proper Charity 833
False addresses. 94
Worthy continuous relief temporary 262
Needing work instead of relief. 694
Unworthy of relief. 151
Placed in Hospitals, Asyl- lums, &c. 91

Procured relief for. 201
Aided by loans. 7
Secured work for. 375
Made self-supporting. 154
Emigrated. 63
Families broken up. 8
Frauds exposed or sup- pressed. 52
Investigations for Hos- pitals, Churches, &c. 202
Friendly Visitors on duty . . . 114

Besides their customary duties, the District Agents have all done something in securing the benefits of the Fresh-Air charities for the families under their care. Thus 710 children and 128 women have been sent to the country for two weeks each, 214 children and 55 women have been sent to the country for one week each; and 966 children and 602 women, a total of 2,775, have been sent to the seashore or country for one day each.

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Cardi,) has dealt with 315 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:
35 Begging Letter-writers.
109 Sidewalk beggars.
86 House-to-house beggars.
22 Tramps.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:
67 helpless through infirmity.*
:09, or 66.3 per cent., able-bodied.
39 blind or crippled, but able to
help support themselves.

RESULTS: 108 warned, directed and counselled, 95 committed for 1 to 6 months, 8 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

RESIDING:
96 in cheap lodging-houses.
107 in their own homes.
36 gave false addresses.
38 Station-house lodgers, &c.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
31 needy and worthy.*
70 had ample means.
83 shiftless and idle.
132 dissolute and vicious.

Contributions June, July, August and September.

A. B. C.	\$5 00	Friend, A thro' Miss Collins. . .	\$30 00
Alden, Mrs. B. R.	10 00	Friend, A, thro' Mrs. Rice. . .	25 00
Allen, Calvin H.	20 00	Fry, Chas. M.	10 00
Almy, Frederick	5 00	Fuld, Samuel.	10 00
Anonymous.	10 25	Garrettsen, Francis T.	10 00
Astor, Mrs. Wm. W.	50 00	Gerard, James W.	20 00
Atterbury, J. T.	100 00	German Hospital and Dis- pensary.	60 00
Auchincloss, Charles C.	10 00	Gibbs, Mrs. O. B.	5 00
Auchincloss, E. S.	10 00	Gilliss, Walter.	5 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. E. S.	10 00	Gilman, Winthrop S.	10 00
Auchincloss, Edgar S. Jr.	10 00	Goddard, Fred'k N.	500 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. Elizabeth	20 00	Gold, Mrs. Cornelius B.	50 00
Auchincloss, Hugh	25 00	Gomprecht, Philip.	5 00
Auchincloss, Hugh, Jr.	10 00	Gould, Mrs. Charles.	10 00
Auchincloss, James C.	10 00	Gould, Charles W.	110 00
Auchincloss, Samuel S.	10 00	Green, George Walton.	30 00
Bacon, Chas. A., M. D.	20 00	Greenough, John.	10 00
Bacon, Francis.	10 00	Greenough, Mrs. John.	10 00
Bannard, Otto T.	10 00	Gulliver, Wm. C.	10 00
Barlow, Mrs. Jeanette.	10 00	H—, M. R.	5 00
Barnes, Miss Emma	5 00	H—, S. J.	10 00
Barton, O. G.	10 00	Hall, Bolton.	5 00
B—, & Co.	2 00	Hamlin, Walter A.	30 00
Beadleston, Wm. H.	10 00	Hammill & Gillespie.	5 00
Beaman, C. C., Jr.	10 00	Harriott, Mrs. S. C.	5 00
Beckwith, Arthur.	60 00	Hart, Rev. Dr. A. B.	160 00
Beekman, Henry R.	10 00	Hart, Miss Viola.	5 00
Beinecke & Co.	5 00	Hart, James C.	10 00
Belknap, Robt. Lenox.	10 00	Hauselt, Charles.	10 00
Betts, Samuel R.	10 00	Hawkins' Sons, C. P.	5 00
Bissinger & Co., Philip.	10 00	Heppenheimer, Dr. F. C.	10 00
Blagden, George.	25 00	Herrman, A.	10 00
Blagden, Mrs. George.	25 00	Hewitt, Mrs. Abram S.	10 00
Blodgett, Mrs. A. B.	10 00	Hewitt, Miss E. G.	10 00
Bloomingdale, Bros.	10 00	Hewitt, Miss S. C.	10 00
Blum, Maurice.	5 00	Higginson, James J.	15 00
Blumenthal, Dr. Mark.	5 00	Higginson, Mrs. James J.	10 00
Bond, Miss Kate.	10 00	Hinman, Wm. K.	5 00
Bradley, Kurtz & Co.	5 00	Hinman, Mrs. Wm. K.	5 00
Brice, Israel B.	10 00	Hirrichs, C. F. A.	10 00
Brown, Egerton.	10 00	Hiscox, Wm. J.	5 00
Brown, Geo. Alexander.	300 00	Hitchcock, Darling & Co.	10 00
Bruce, J. T.	5 00	Hoffman, Jacob.	10 00
Brühl, D. & M.	10 00	Horton & Co., H. L.	100 00
Bryce, Miss Edith.	10 00	Hüpfel, John C. G.	10 00
Bunker, Mrs. E. H.	10 00	Huss, George Martin.	10 00
Bunting, Miss E. F.	10 00	Isaacs, Isaac S.	10 00
Cady, J. Cleveland.	30 00	Iselin, Adrian.	10 00
Canada.	10 00	Iselin, Mrs. Adrian.	10 00
Carter, James C.	25 00	Iselin, Henry S.	10 00
Cash.	100 00	Jarvis, Dr. W. C.	10 00
Century Co. (The).	10 00	Jennings, Mrs. O. B.	10 00
Cheever, Mrs. J. H.	10 00	Johnston, J. Herbert.	10 00
Church of the Heavenly Rest — "J. H. S."	50 00	Kammerer, Louis.	5 00
Churchill, Marlborough.	15 00	Kellogg, Dr. E. M.	30 00
Clafin, John.	110 00	Kendrick, Col. H. L.	10 00
Coates, Mrs. James.	50 00	Keteltas, Mrs. Eugene M.	10 00
Coates, Joseph H.	5 00	Kilpatrick Thomas.	10 00
Coe, Henry E.	20 00	Knox, Miss Louise W.	50 00
Collier, Mrs. M. Dwight.	10 00	Kohn, Theodore A.	20 00
Collins, Charles.	10 00	Kress, John.	5 00
Collins, Miss Ellen.	10 00	Kyle, James.	5 00
Corbin, Mrs. Austin.	50 00	Ladies' Aid Society of the 84th St. Pres. Church.	10 00
Cornell, Isaac B.	10 00	Lady, (A) in Conn.	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. Chas. B.	10 00	Lambert, Dr. E. W.	5 00
Curtis, Edward, M. D.	10 00	Langdon, Mrs. Woodbury.	100 00
Cutting, R. Fulton.	100 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.	50 00
Cutting, W. Bayard.	250 00	Law, John S.	10 00
Decker, Chas. A.	5 00	Leaycraft, Mrs. Chas. R.	10 00
De Forest, Henry G.	10 00	Lefferts, M. C.	10 00
De Forest, Mrs. Henry G.	10 00	Lehman Bros.	10 00
De Forest, Miss J. B.	10 00	Lincoln, Chas. S.	10 00
De Forest, Johnston.	10 00	Link, David C.	5 00
De Forest, Mrs. Lockwood.	5 00	Low & Bros., A. A.	10 00
Dillaway, G. W.	5 00	Lynch, Thomas J.	10 00
Doelger, Peter.	10 00	Mansfield, Howard.	10 00
Domnick, W. Gayer.	10 00	Marshall, H. R.	10 00
Donaldson, R. M.	10 00	Martin & Sons, J. M. C.	25 00
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Dowdney, Abraham.	10 00	Mathews, Mrs. W. E.	10 00
Drummond, I. Wyman.	50 00	Mattier, Henry.	5 00
Du Bois, Cornelius.	20 00	Maurer, Henry.	10 00
Dun & Co., R. G.	25 00	Mayer, Siegfried W.	10 00
Dwight, Stanley.	10 00	Merrill, Payson.	25 00
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Eaton, Rev. Dr. Theo. A.	5 00	Miller John F.	5 00
Farragut, Loyall.	10 00	Mohr, Fred.	5 00
Feaban, James.	5 00	Montant, Auguste P.	50 00
Field, Benjamin H.	10 00	Morgan, J. Pierpont.	200 00
Finck, A., & Son.	5 00	McKibbin, Mrs. G. H.	20 00
Fisher, Max.	10 00	Nason, Alfred G.	10 00
Flagg, Miss Maria M.	5 00	N—, L. E.	2 00
Fourth Dist. Com's. Friends.	28 50	Norrie, Mrs. Gordon.	10 00
Frankenheimer, John.	10 00	Nursery and Child's Hosp.	25 00
Friend, A.	10 00	O—, E. A.	5 00
Friend, A thro' Mr. Andrews.	100 00		

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Ogden, Mrs. Wm. B.....	50 00	Roosevelt, Frank.....	10 00	Stinson, Col. Daniel.....	10 00	Warling, Mrs. Wm. E.....	10 00
Olney, Peter B.....	35 00	Ruddell, George.....	5 00	Stuyvesant, Rutherford.....	200 00	Warner, Peter R.....	5 00
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Prall, Miss E. A.....	10 00	Scudder, Henry J.....	10 00	Tsheppe & Schur.....	5 00	Whitlock, Daniel B.....	10 00
Pullman, Mrs. W. A.....	10 00	Sibley, H. W.....	25 00	Turner, H. B.....	10 00	Willels, Mrs. Lydia.....	10 00
Rall Bros.....	5 00	Sidenberg & Co., G.....	5 00	Uhlmann, S. & F.....	5 00	Willels, Miss Maria.....	10 00
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Rapallo, Edward S.....	10 00	Sloan, Samuel.....	20 00	Vanderpoel, A. Ernest.....	50 00	Wisner, Miss Josephine.....	5 00
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Raynor, Samuel.....	5 00	Smith, Emily M.....	5 00	Van Rensselaer, Miss C. G.....	25 00	Witheebee, Miss Florence.....	5 00
Renault, Charles.....	10 00	Stapler, Henry B. B.....	10 00	Van Rensselaer, Kilian.....	10 00	Witheebee, Frank S.....	10 00
Renwick, James A.....	30 00	Stearns, John Noble.....	10 00	Van Schaick, G. G.....	5 00	Yetter, Andrew B.....	10 00
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CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval.
Children's Luncheon,
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."
Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Hibernian Union Club.
Hudson Benevolent Association.
Institute for Children, 9 Livingston Place.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in N. Y.)
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

Beware of a man who says he is French, about 45 years, 5 feet, 8 inches high, dark eyes and complexion, black moustache, and dressed like a farmer. He gives the name of Jules Garnier, but may take other names. Has presented a forged letter of recommendation to the Episcopal clergy, purporting to be signed by a leading Western clergyman, who informs us that the man is a rascal and a good talker. The CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY will be glad of any information concerning his operations, and will render any assistance to any one who desires to prevent his farther imposition.

Letters asking for help for "Our Little Colored Church" are sent to prominent persons, and purporting to be signed by "Rev. S. J. W—, Pastor." No such church or minister can be found, or are known to leading colored pastors. The enterprise is evidently fraudulent.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Ahearn, Mary
Bennett, John and Melissa
Carlyle, Sarah or Elizabeth
Carr, James and Margaret
Collins, Frances
Connolly, Sophia
Costello, John and Eliza
Dean, Elizabeth or Sarah
Dunlap, Catharine
Dunn, James and Bridget
Fielding, Lydia
Fleming, John and Jane
Gobel, Augusta
Goodby, George and Maria
Hatfield, Mrs. C. M.
Hatfield, Rose
Harte, Thomas and Maria
Herrman, Adam
Hayes, John and Martha
Horne, Wm. and Elizabeth
Johnson, Wm. and Anna
Kelly, Emma
Koerner, Henry and Louisa
Long, Emma W.
Lytle, Dr. Arthur R.

McCullough, Mary
McDonald, John
McGee, Patrick and Kate
McGloin, Margaret
McMullen, John
Monehan, or Moynehan, Jeremiah and Rosa
Moran, Patrick and Mary
Murray, Margaret, alias Walker
O'Leary, Patrick
O'Malley, Mary
Parsons, Decateur L.
Phillips, Rose
Pope, John and Clara
Regan, Mary Ann
Renehan, Patrick and Mary Ann
Roth, Louisa
Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth
Smith, Eliza
Strube, Helena
Thomas, George and Ann
Walker, Margaret, alias Murray
Wilson, Henry and Louise

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian and Ida
Britton, Mary
Butel, A. H.
Harding, Mary R.
Harris, Ann
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.
Kiely, Ann Lee
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite
Lyman, Kate

Lyon, Cornelia A.
Meyers, Ann
Nicholson, John
Sheridan, Mattie
Smith, Mary Ida
Solomon, Henry
Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Williams, Mary Ann
Wilson, Jane

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the past Summer this Committee has treated 108 cases, 48 being new; it has also directed 27 others. It has placed 14 in hospitals, procured relief for 34, secured permanent work for 13, and occasional work for 19. 15 have been made self-supporting, and 5 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for several good women to do general housework by the day.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 614.—A woman, with infant five months old, applied for a loan to pay half a month's rent, stating husband had been ill, and unable to earn anything for five weeks, and that their household goods were on the side-walk. The housekeeper had sheltered her and her three little ones. The husband expected work next week, and loan would be promptly returned. She was told to send her husband in the afternoon, in the meantime the matter would be considered. His last employer was visited, who told the old story of work neglected for drink; an excellent worker, but cannot be depended upon. Had tried him for seven years, and now obliged to send him off; but he might be working if he would give up his old habit. Has sisters and an uncle who would gladly help him if he were worthy. The man and woman returned to the office in afternoon. When asked about the relatives the wife denied they had any—he said they were no friends of his, but finally admitted he had alienated them by his drinking habits, but promised to do better. These were induced to give him one more trial. This is a case where a little investigation procured the needed aid for the wife and little ones without burdening the community with the family of a worthless man.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 215 applications during the past Summer, of whom 14 were carefully directed to proper help, 5 gave false addresses, and 196 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 12, permanent work for 5, temporary work for 15, and 5 have been made self-supporting. 20 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

Work is needed for 20 women for house and laundry work, 5 seamstresses, 3 young girls to mind children, 2 drivers, 1 printer, unable to do steady work, 1 well-recommended but not thoroughly trained woman as sick-nurse. Would especially recommend among the seamstresses 2 respectable, middle-aged women, living alone, to darn, mend and prepare children's wardrobes for use.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—An appeal, made by a woman to one of our daily papers, was referred to us, the writer was visited, and her statements found to be untrue. Being told that nothing could be done until a frank statement was made, it was shortly forthcoming. The woman was deserted and consumptive, suffering from past ill-treatment from a husband, who kept out of the way for fear of arrest. Kind sympathy, medical advice and nourishment, and being removed to better lodgings through the kindness of a lady of this District, with an occasional day's excursion, refreshed and strengthened her. In a few weeks she was able and anxious to work. Light work in caring for a child was secured, which was so well done, that higher wages than first agreed upon were given. It being, however, thought imprudent for the child to have a nurse with weak lungs, her employer kindly procured her a more suitable situation, where she is doing well. Thus no appeal in the newspapers was necessary, and we still maintain our friendly supervision of this case.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

REV. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLOOTT, *Agent*.

97 cases were treated by this Committee during the past summer, of which 34 were new, 26 others were directed; 7 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 24, permanent work secured for 9, temporary work for 39, 35 were rendered self-supporting, 34 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 6 frauds were exposed, 14 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 130 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand, 2 car drivers or work of any kind, 1 coachman, 1 nurse, or any light work.

Work is scarce for women having dependent families, who labor by the day at washing, cleaning, etc., and, were it not for their greatly diminished needs, their sufferings would be intense. How they eke out a living is a mystery. As it is, we are able to help them by sending part of the children into the country for a few weeks through the various Fresh-Air Funds, thus lessening the family expenses, and giving the children a new lease of life through the fresh air and wholesome food thus obtained. For the mothers and younger children the day excursions are made available, and, when necessary, a week's sojourn at one of the various seaside sanitariums is secured. Over 300 have thus been benefited during the past summer.

NOTE.—The 8th District Committee cordially invites members of the other District Committees to attend their meetings which take place weekly on Tuesday at 5 P. M.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during June 39 cases and directed 9 others, of the 39, 3 only were worthy of continuous relief, 2 of temporary relief, 13 needed work rather than relief, and 8 were unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. 5 were placed in hospital, procured relief for 7, permanent work was secured for 1, occasional work for 3, and 3 frauds were exposed.

The report of the work of this office for July, August and September is included in that of the Central Office.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During the past summer 124 cases have been treated, 51 being new, 26 others were directed, 10 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 34, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 15, and 2 were made self-supporting.

Transportation to the West was procured by the Committee for two of our families, where work and friends awaited them; and six children have been placed in St. Stephen's Home.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, copyists and seamstresses, and for one excellent nurse formerly in the N. Y. Infirmary, and well recommended. Also 4 men as janitors, porters or laborers, one especially intelligent and deserving, having been crippled by a railroad accident in saving a woman and child from death 18 months ago.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 575.—Recently a young Englishman, wife and baby came under our notice. The man was in delicate health. Careful inquiry established an excellent character. The man, especially, was suffering from want, but anxiously looking for work. They were referred to and temporarily relieved by two different societies. Work for the woman was found in a family in the District. She proved very efficient, and, her confidence being won, the depths of their distress was ascertained. They had not tasted meat for three months, living entirely on black coffee and dry bread. Ample relief was further procured for them, but not in time to save the husband from severe illness, making immediate removal to a hospital necessary. The family interested in supplying the work kindly offered to take entire charge of the case, and place them in a self-supporting position. The family are thus looking confidently forward, and, through the kind intervention of friends, may be saved from the pauper ranks.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During the past Summer this Committee treated 70 cases, and directed 16 others to the proper source of help. Relief was procured for 10, work for 14, 2 thus rendered self-supporting and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

An aged, friendless couple, once holding respectable positions under the Government, having from loss of positions and inability of procuring others, (the man being lame) came down to the most extreme poverty. Different charitable societies and individuals have, for many years, helped with occasional donations, which went as they came, in dribbles. After years of such precarious existence, they placed themselves under the care of this Committee. Through the co-operation of friends of the Society, secured after 5 months of study and effort, they have been placed in a self-supporting position and are once more independent and happy, and the charitable public are relieved of a burden. Thus co-operation has accomplished in a comparatively short time, what individual relief tried for years to effect, and not only failed, but increased the actual distress to the verge of despair.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Geo. Alex. Brown, *Ch'n*, B. McE. Whitlock, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the past Summer 113 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 39 were new, and 34 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 17, 3 were placed in hospitals, &c.; work secured for 18, 5 were rendered self-supporting, and 16 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 17 families and 17 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for janitors, watchmen, &c.; also for women to do washing and ironing, plain sewing, saleswomen, and 1 woman to do embroidery, &c.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 332.—A destitute and deserving Englishwoman applied for aid to return, with two young, motherless and dependent grandchildren, to her native land, where friends had promised to receive them, but were too poor to pay their passage. The children's father, son-in-law of the woman, had a good trade, at which he could make \$30 per week steadily, but was drunken and worthless, and refused to work. When nearly starved, and threatened with dispossession, he ran away and deserted his children. At this juncture the appeal to us was made. Investigation showed the need of food; this was at once secured from a benevolent lady of the District. It was apparent that, unless returned to their friends in England, they would become public charges here, but having been in this country over a year, the Commissioners of Emigration could not return them. The Committee assumed charge of the case, and, by appeals to private benevolence and through the aid of an appropriate relief society, secured sufficient funds to send them to England in comfort on the Adriatic, of the White Star Line. The Steamship Co. kindly co-operated by making a substantial reduction in the fare. Thus, the New York public was relieved of the care of 3 dependent ones through the co-operation named.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Rob't W. DeForest, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

439 cases have been cared for during the past Summer, 94 of which were new, and 215 others have been directed. 33 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 7, permanent work was secured for 82, occasional work for 97, 82 were rendered thus self-supporting, 15 were emigrated where support awaited them, and 6 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

CASE 669.—An English girl, of respectable family, wayward and wilful, had been disowned by her parents upon being betrayed by a neighboring physician, who was a fellow church-member. To remove the consequent scandal, she was sent to this country with \$100, and landed here, inexperienced and friendless, but with a fair education and considerable ability as a musician. Her means were exhausted in less than two months. Unable to secure employment, and to meet her wants, she pawned her clothing; later she entered the New York Infant Asylum, where she became a mother. When discharged, this Committee took her under its care, secured several pupils in music, found her sewing and other work, but her earnings were insufficient to pay her expenses. Finally a position as organist in a Mission chapel was found for her, and she did so well that, after three months, with the influence of an energetic Visitor, her salary was doubled, and for the first time, she became self-supporting. A suitable boarding place had been found for herself and her child, to whom she clung tenaciously; and the girl was satisfactorily earnest, correct and reliable, until, by an infraction of the rules of the Mission, she was dismissed, and again in distress. Once more the Committee took her in charge, and secured her temporary support through the co-operation of proper charities. Letters of appeal were sent to her parents, but failed to accomplish anything. During this time a young man, whose acquaintance was recently made, declared his desire to marry her. The Committee found him to be of excellent character, a good mechanic, and able to support a wife. The girl's condition was fully explained, and he consented to her retaining her child. Friends were found to provide her a proper outfit, a respectable wedding was arranged for by the Committee in an Episcopal church, and 2 days later they all sailed for England, where a responsible position was awaiting the man's arrival. But for the persistent, friendly care of the Society, the girl would have been driven to ruin upon her leaving the Asylum.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAFF, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 214 cases taken up during the Summer, 76 being new, also 33 families, and 50 homeless persons directed, relief was procured for 22, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 10, temporary work for 19, 8 were made self-supporting, and 6 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); women for day work, laundresses, seamstresses, 3 excellent women as janitresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 381.—Is a German woman, 65 years old, who for ten years has lived chiefly on the "doles" of relief societies and charitable individuals. She has thus sunk lower and lower, until now, a pitiable object, she spends her days in begging from benevolent persons sufficient money for shelter in one of the low lodging-houses, which disgrace our city, for they are chiefly patronized by beggars, tramps and thieves, but which thrive upon the gifts of "charitable" people to such degraded creatures as this woman, who are simply almshouse cases. Our endeavors to induce her to go to the Island have been unsuccessful, as she will not go until these "doles" are cut off. Upon consulting one of the Societies who have heretofore aided her, it realized the injury done to the woman, and withdrew its aid; but how can we reach and convince the large number of private individuals who, by their miserable pitiunces, encourage this woman to continue in her present wretched way of living, and thus keep her from a comfortable and far more respectable provision, which the city has made for such as she. This is but one case—there are hundreds like it. The only safe way is not to give to such people at all, and never to give until a full investigation of a case has been made. If this rule had been always adhered to, Case 381 could have been disposed of long ago.

STREET BEGGARS.

No. 245.—An Irish woman, aged 69 years, begging on Sixth avenue, said she had no relatives and made her living by begging. She was taken to court and committed to the Island for 6 months as a vagrant. A few days later her son-in-law called at the Central Office and stated that his mother-in-law had no excuse for begging; that he was able to and had supported her and his family for the past 15 years. He did not know that she ever begged, and, if released, would see that she begged no more. She was thereupon released.

No. 252.—A woman who had been on the streets for years. When begging has the appearance of being very decrepit, but on the way to the Tombs made vigorous efforts to escape. Committed for 6 months.

No. 253.—An Italian, aged 78 years, begging in Fulton Street. Had a "hurdy-gurdy." Has been begging for years and is reputed to have acquired considerable money. Was committed to the Island on complaint of this Society for 6 months.

No. 257. A blind, colored beggar, aged 40 years, after repeated warnings, was arrested for begging on Maiden Lane. Said he had a wife and four children, but did not know where they were. He is a pedlar and has money in the bank. Bore the sign "I am Blind" around his neck. Upon investigation, found the man occupied a room with another blind man. In the room were four colored women, and from eight to ten colored babies. The place looked like a baby-farm. The man was committed for three months. After his discharge, he was re-arrested on Sixth Avenue, coming out of a liquor store, where he said he had gone for a glass of water. He was quite intoxicated, and Justice Kilbreth committed him for six months.

No. 264.—An Italian, aged 30 years, previously warned, was again found begging, with the sign "I am paralyzed" around his neck. He was taken to Court, and on the way proffered the officer \$25 for his release. Had \$10 in his pockets. He was committed to the Island for six months.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the Summer 700 cases were dealt with, 266 of which were new. 4 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 34, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 7, and 4 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

PIANO NEEDED.—A young girl of fifteen can materially help to support her mother and three other little children by giving music lessons, if she can secure the use, by loan or gift, of a piano. It is a very deserving, struggling family. An upright will best suit their small apartment.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

N. B.—The Charity Organization Wood Yard removed in April to S. W. Cor. Avenue B and 19th St.

The Yard closed May 1st for the Summer, but the Committee in charge hope to open it again in the Fall, with a Labor Bureau annexed. Meanwhile Messrs. Alcott & Co. will fill all orders for the Society, upon the same terms as heretofore, (\$4.00 per load, delivered and put in,) and will credit the Wood-Yard Committee with 50 cents per load commission on every such order, and will also give work to as many men as possible who may be sent by the Society for work. Orders may be sent by postal direct to the Society, care of C. W. Alcott & Co., at above address.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strive to make employment the basis of relief in every case where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever any kind of service is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

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BEGGING LETTERS.

Few persons are aware of the large extent to which frauds by begging-letter impostors are carried on in this City. Most of these letter-writers are of the better class, shrewd, intelligent, and able to write their own letters, which are pathetic and adroit. Others get their letters written by comrades with better education, with whom they divide the spoils. Lists of wealthy and fashionable, as well as of benevolent persons, are carefully made up from the "Society" news in the daily press, and from the religious weeklies, and the whole business is managed in a most methodical manner.

Some, on their first appeal, were deserving, but were quickly led into a life of deceit by finding how easily kind strangers responded to their appeals; and thereafter they became "professionals." But mostly they are impostors from the start. All who receive touching appeals from utter strangers may be sure that it is very unwise to respond to them until the statements have been carefully investigated by experienced persons; and the more so as they are urged to *confidential* consideration of the application. A strong point is often made by pretending that near relatives of the writer and receiver were on intimate terms. One of the ablest of the profession uses the latter consideration so ingeniously, by studying the antecedents of the parties addressed, that she is able to live thereby in luxurious immorality, and to spend her summers at fashionable watering-places. Members are urged to send all written appeals from strangers to the Society, where already a large collection is formed; and where the various names, under the same handwriting, enable us to dispel many mysteries. Some specimens of these letters are given on another page.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received.....1,647	Number of Reports sent out.....317
New cases and removals.....880	Referred for Investigation.....130
Total Families registered.....69,002	Total No. of Reports on File.96,496

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....667	Procured relief for.....84
Directed to the proper Charity.....238	Aided by loans.....6
False addresses.....22	Secured work for.....156
Worthy continuous relief.....28	Made self-supporting.....63
" temporary.....91	Emigrated.....17
Needing work instead of relief.....240	Families broken up.....1
Unworthy of relief.....48	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....21
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....21	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c.....49
	Friendly Visitors on duty 127

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Ciardi,) has dealt with 79 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
8 Begging Letter-writers.	21 in cheap lodging-houses.
24 Sidewalk beggars.	30 in their own homes.
31 House-to-house beggars.	13 gave false addresses.
4 Tramps.	6 refused address.
12 not classified.	9 Station-house lodgers, &c.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
25 helpless through infirmity.*	7 needy and worthy.*
48, or 60 per cent., able-bodied.	14 had ample means.
8 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.	25 shiftless and idle.
	35 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 32 warned, directed and counseled, 17 committed for 3 to 6 months.

*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

Contributions, October, 1885.

Alexander, Rev. Geo. D.D. \$10 00	Minor, Miss Virginia C..... \$5 00
Anderson, James, M. D..... 10 00	Morgan, George H..... 10 00
Baker, Frederick..... 25 00	McCready, Mrs. N. L..... 5 00
Barrett, William S..... 10 00	McKesson, Mrs. John..... 10 00
Bennet, Josiah S..... 10 00	Newman, J. G..... 5 00
Clausen & Price Brewing Co. 10 00	Odell, Mrs. Jonathan..... 10 00
Conito, Chas. H..... 10 00	Osborn, Mrs. William H..... 50 00
Cooper, Edward..... 50 00	Prime, Frederick..... 100 00
Cornell, Miss. Edith..... 10 00	Prime, Miss Mary R..... 20 00
Cornell, Mrs. Robt. C..... 5 00	Robb, J. Hampden..... 500 00
Crawford, Mrs. M. E..... 25 00	Rogers, H. H..... 10 00
Dix, Rev. Morgan, D. D..... 10 00	Roosevelt, Alfred..... 100 00
Dodge, Mrs. Wm. E..... 10 00	Sawyer, Wallace & Co..... 100 00
Downing, A. C..... 10 00	Schaefer, The F. & M. Co..... 10 00
Earle, Ferdinand P..... 10 00	Schiff, Jacob H..... 100 00
Einstein, David L..... 10 00	Schirmer, Gustave..... 25 00
Faber, Angelica B..... 10 00	Seligman, Mrs. Joseph..... 5 00
Faber, George W..... 10 00	Skidmore, Wm. L..... 10 00
Farnham, H. P., M. D..... 10 00	Slade, John M..... 5 00
Ferguson, Edward..... 25 00	Stetson, Francis Lynde..... 25 00
Fish, Hamilton, Jr..... 10 00	Stevens, Mrs. Alexander H..... 10 00
Franklin, James R..... 10 00	Stewart, David..... 50 00
Gibson, H. D..... 10 00	Stone, Miss Annie..... 25 00
Hubbard, Thos. H..... 10 00	Taintor, Charles N..... 5 00
Husted, William..... 5 00	Uhl, Edward..... 100 00
Jarvis, Mrs. J. B..... 10 00	Von Post, Mrs. H. C..... 10 00
Jones, Miss. Caroline O..... 25 00	Walcott, Benjamin S..... 5 00
Jones, Miss Frances O..... 25 00	Wallace, Miss M. E..... 5 00
King, Edward..... 10 00	Whitehead, Charles E..... 10 00
Law, John S..... 10 00	Wicke, William..... 10 00
Lewis, August..... 10 00	Willis, William H., Jr..... 10 00
Livingston, Robt. J..... 100 00	Wisner, Mrs. Wm. H..... 5 00
Maynard, E..... 10 00	Worcester, Mrs. E. D..... 10 00
Minor, Miss Lucy L..... 10 00	Work, Frank Jr..... 5 00

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval	N. Y. Laborers West Side Ben. Union
Children's Lunches.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Day Star Universal Relief Fund.	alias Home for Children or Aged
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's	Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High
Cleft Mission."	Bridge,) or any other institution
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	managed by Wm. H. Ramsar.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform, Martin H. Bovee.
Hudson Benevolent Association.	Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School
Institute for Children, 9 Living-	Children's Benefit Soc., A.B. Clark,
ston Place.	Manager.
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.	Reform Charity Union.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in	East 164th Street.
N. Y.)	Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.	

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

The pretended lamp-lighters and street-cleaners, against whom we have warned our members in past winters, are again at work, usually with written appeals. They are always out of work, with sickness or death in the family. Different names are used, and every address given, as far as reported to us, has been a false one.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Baker, Solomon	Grady, Mary
Barry, Mrs.	Grady, Katie
Brown, Mrs.	Hariland, John and Mary
Burton, Charles	Mulgrew, Jas. and Susan
Campbell, Arthur	McDougall, Fred A.
Carruth, Robt. H.	Reid, alias Walter, Walton or
Clifton, Eudora	Waltham Celina
Connelly, Catharine	Richardson, James
Cotts, Robt.	Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth
Dicenta, alias Degan Mary	Rutledge, Catharine
Dougherty, Ellen	Schultz, alias Schwartz Gustave
Edwards, James	Smith, John and Wife.
Fecher, John	Willis, Edward E.
Fourman, Edward and Lydia or	Walter, Walton, Waltham, alias
Elizabeth	Reid Celina

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Britton, Mary	Meyers, Ann
Butel, A. H.	Nicholson, John
Harding, Mary R.	Sheridan, Mattie
Harris, Ann	Smith, Mary Ida
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.	Solomon, Henry
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Kiely, Ann Lee	Williams, Mary Ann
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	Wilson, Jane
Lyman, Kate	

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of October this Committee has treated 27 cases, 15 being new; it has also directed 8 others. It has procured relief for 3, secured permanent work for 1, and occasional work for 7, and 2 have been made self-supporting.

Work is wanted for several good women to do general housework by the day; also sewing. We can supply men for furnaces, and errand-boys. A man, who has been a clerk, wants employment of any kind. A woman, with a child 10 years old, wants a place in a private family.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 276.—A little over a year ago a strong, able-bodied woman applied at this office for counsel and help. She was prostrated with grief and despondency. Her husband was ill at home; she had lost her work by her patrons leaving the city, and their little savings were exhausted by his sickness. Her rent, which had always been promptly paid, was nearly due. She was able and willing to work, but could find none, and she had never begged. The husband, well advanced in consumption, needed nourishment. Everything that possibly could be spared from their effects had been parted with. A loan was secured, by which they paid a month's rent, and procured food and nourishment for a couple of weeks. Work was secured for the woman, and it was so well done, that it recommended itself; and in a few months she had enough work to supply another woman with occasional day's work. With changed conditions the husband improved for a time, so that he was able to do light work about a house for a private family, which a little more than paid the rent, and they were soon able to return the loan with many thanks. Being sober and industrious, once they were set on their feet, they made rapid progress. They were comfortable and happy all winter. The husband was taken sick, and died last summer, but by their industry and thrift they were able to make things comfortable for his last hours. Thus by a little care and friendliness a family was made happy in their affliction.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 60 applications during October, of whom 3 were carefully directed to proper help, 4 gave false addresses, and 53 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 7, permanent work for 4, temporary work for 22, and 5 have been made self-supporting. 6 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

We are grateful to friends in this District, who have aided us during October by sending to us for seamstresses, charwomen, etc., for day's work. We can still supply the demand, and have also mechanics, disabled in various ways from following their legitimate trades, who would be glad to fill situations as janitors, or take charge of furnaces for the winter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A young Irishman, wife and two babies, in this country three years, found himself out of a situation through his own bad habits. After struggling for two months, the woman's personal appeal to a clergyman brought them to our notice. She was heartsick, but felt that her husband would be all right if he only had work outside of the city. The man was kindly admonished, and cautioned that his wife would not live long if there was not some change. He seemed to come to a realizing sense of things, and owned "that she had changed wonderfully." Man was kept busy looking for a place, and enquiries being made, one of our Committee secured him a situation. At the same time a brother of the woman, in a distant state, sent her a little money; with that they were enabled to hire half a cottage near his work. The woman opens a sewing school, (for which she is fully competent) and brighter days seem dawning for them.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D. D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

48 cases were treated by this Committee during October, of which 10 were new, 13 others were directed; 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 16, permanent work secured for 9, temporary work for 23, 21 were rendered self-supporting, 18 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 3 frauds were exposed, 3 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 98 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand, 2 car drivers or work of any kind, 1 coachman, 1 nurse, or any light work.

NOTE.—The 8th District Committee cordially invites members of the other District Committees to attend their meetings on alternate Mondays, at 4.30 P. M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 160.—A widow, with five children, applied for relief shortly after this office was opened. Investigation disclosed the fact that the woman was a communicant of a church near by, and the children members of the Sunday school. The church was already caring for the family, and expressed a desire to have sole control. Later on it was discovered that the woman was surreptitiously receiving relief from at least two unknown sources, but, as the givers had failed to report to the Society, the records at the Central Office failed to show the fact. After quietly watching, it was ascertained that sewing was obtained from some church society, but, as the woman was unable to sew, she hired it out to a neighbor, obtaining the work from the church and returning it herself, thus deceiving the society, and keeping its sympathy, to be utilized when needed. Lately, as affairs began to look doubtful for the coming winter, the church obtained admission for the three young children in a Home, paying board for them, with the understanding that they were to be retained until the church recommended their discharge. This left the mother, a boy of 16 years, earning about \$5.00 per week, and one younger child at home, with sufficient income to render them self-supporting. Within a few days we learn that the mother is earnestly striving to regain possession of the three children above mentioned, for the purpose of obtaining relief during the winter from such societies as relieve widows with small children. This the church desires to prevent, and therefore still retains the children in the Home. No trouble could arise, had the unknown societies relieving last winter reported to our Central Office, but the failure to do so encouraged the mother in deceit, and was surely sweeping her into pauperism. Much serious harm to the poor, both morally and physically, is avoided by such interchange of information as this Society seeks to promote. Her church is able and willing to do all that is required; there is no need for the other church to assist, and the woman has been pauperized unconsciously, simply by the lack of co-operation.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during October 19 cases, and directed 3 others. Of the 19, 1 only was found worthy of continuous relief, 3 of temporary relief, 13 needing work rather than relief, and 1 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 3 frauds were exposed.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During October 35 cases have been treated, 10 being new, 3 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 10, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 14, and 1 was adequately helped.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, copyists and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, laborers, or coachmen. One man as hotel steward.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 439.—A family, consisting of man, wife and baby, applied to us early in June, 1885, for relief, the man delicate and having only one eye, the wife not strong, baby four weeks old. They were relieved by a co-operating society, and light work was found for the man by a gentleman of the District interested in the case; but the employment was not permanent. Learning of a brother in the West, correspondence was opened with him, and finding him able and willing to care for the family if they should be sent out there, but not able to send for them. Friends were interested, and money raised to send them to Denver, Colorado, under care of the Children's Aid Society. They are now employed and doing well. If they had remained here would still be burdens, but by emigration have been made self-supporting.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During October this Committee treated 20 cases, and directed 7 others to the proper source of help. Work was procured for 6, 2 thus rendered self-supporting, and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

A poor lad, 19 years old, had become perfectly blind. He was an orphan, and was living with a married sister, but owing to the pressure of the times, she was no longer able to keep him. He came to the agent, saying he was anxious to enter the Institution for the Blind, so as to learn a trade and become self-supporting; he had made application himself, but could not be admitted, as the Institution was closed during the Summer. Through the Superintendent of the Out-Door Poor he was sheltered for the time being. In the Fall, application for admission was made and immediately granted. He was seen a few days ago, contented and happy. He has learned to make baskets, and has every prospect of becoming self-supporting. This has been accomplished without the outlay of any money, and well repays the incidental trouble.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of October 29 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 7 were new, and 7 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 7, 1 was placed in a hospital; work secured for 7, 5 were rendered self-supporting, and 3 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 5 families and 2 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for janitors, watchmen, &c.; also for women to do washing and ironing, and plain sewing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 588.—Some months ago there was referred to the Committee the case of a very destitute family, consisting of father, mother and eight young children. The man was ill, and for some weeks had been in the hospital, hence their distress, the income of the family, owing to his sickness, being cut down to \$3.00 per week—the wages of 2 of the children, who were cash girls. Upon examination the case proved to be entirely deserving, and relief for the family was at once secured and continued until the husband, a few days after, had recovered, and was able to resume work. Unfortunately, because of his long-continued illness, his employer, with whom he had been over 15 years and who recommended him highly, was obliged to find some one to fill his place. Within a day, however, we found him some temporary employment, at which he continued and gave satisfaction until a member of the Committee secured him regular work, at good wages, and at which he has been ever since, rendering his family entirely self-supporting.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROBT W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

439 cases have been cared for during October, 22 of which were new, and 34 others have been directed. 13 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 16, permanent work was secured for 20, occasional work for 25, 20 were rendered thus self-supporting, and 5 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

No. 669 is referred to again because the District Committee wishes to mention that, after further correspondence, the father of this poor girl has come to see his own responsibility in the matter. He has sent money for her benefit, offers to do even more, and has very cordially thanked the Committee for their interest in his daughter. We learn in addition to this that, on her arrival in England, she wrote to her mother, who came to see her, and has welcomed her husband and the little one, and they are once more a united family.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 59 cases taken up during October, 24 being new, also 7 families, and 12 homeless persons directed, 2 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 8, 2 were aided by loans, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 3, 3 were made self-supporting, and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); women for day work, laundresses, seamstresses, 3 excellent women as janitresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse; 1 excellent German girl to take charge of young children, can teach music; 2 copyists.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 938.—A young German girl of 21, an orphan, who had been obliged to give up work on account of illness, was referred by a physician connected with a leading dispensary. She was threatened with consumption, and unless arrangements could be made to send her to relatives in Germany, she would certainly become a public charge. It was learned that the girl had a grandmother who would be willing to receive and care for her, but could not afford to send for her. Through the co-operation of a Relief Society, and the kindly aid of a Friendly Visitor, we were enabled to send the girl, and after a few weeks she sent us word of her safe arrival at her grandmother's home at Mallnitz, Prussia. Thus the burden has been placed where it properly belongs, and the sufferer is enabled to close her eyes among her own people.

No. 906 is a case we would warn our friends against. A boy of 17, giving the name of John Fecher, and his address usually somewhere on E. Third Street, has been in the habit of begging among down-town business men. His story is that he is living with aged grandparents, who are starving, and about to be dispossessed for non-payment of rent. As he gives false addresses we had difficulty in tracing him, but at last succeeded, and found that his story is untrue, and that there is no necessity for his begging. He lives with his mother, a widow, who supports herself by washing and keeping boarders, while his grandparents are supported partly by four married children, and are also receiving a regular monthly pension from the church to which they belong.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During October 284 cases were dealt with, 105 of which were new. Relief was procured for 17, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 1, and 5 were thus rendered self-supporting.

A worthy young man has been started in the business of carpet-weaving through a loan made from this office. Parties supplying their own carpet rags, (cut and sewn) can have their work done at the rate of 25c. per yard, the weaver supplying good cotton warp, which is said to wear better than linen. Two lbs. of rags will give 1 yard of carpet. Orders may be sent to this office.

PIANO NEEDED.—A young girl of fifteen can materially help to support her mother and three other little children by giving music lessons, if she can secure the use, by loan or gift, of a piano. It is a very deserving, struggling family. An upright will best suit their small apartment.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 534.—A soldier's widow with one son aged 22, aided for many years by private benevolence, was referred to the Society. A lady of liberal charity had taken the lad as servant in her household, but though honest, he felt into evil companionship, and began to drink, which cost him his place, and subsequently several other good positions. At last he became destitute, and at this stage the Charity Organization Society was consulted as to the best mode of treating the case. Investigation found the mother addicted to drink, and an encouragement rather than a preventive to the young man's habits. She had a small pension, and with work could well have supported herself, but preferred idleness. Everything was pawned, and mother and son were both filthy and wretched. Work was once more found for the lad in the city, he was clothed and tried again, but after a time again he failed. By further and patient inquiry it was discovered beyond a doubt that it was a case of inherited inebriety. He acknowledged that he could not resist the impulse to drink when liquor was to be had, and this was the poor fellows only failing—honest, upright and hard-working, he gave satisfaction when drink was kept from him, and it was decided, with his consent, to emigrate him to a farm where work awaited, and no liquor could be had. He eagerly embraced the opportunity, and the cure has been marvelous. He worked well, pleased his employer, and has re-established a sober and diligent name. He is now for some months hard at work, healthy, strong and thankful, and sees clearly his only salvation lies in total abstinence and avoidance of temptation.

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Some sample letters are here given, the style of which may be recognized by many of our members. The writer of the first is a New York boy, and has many aliases, and although only 17 years old, is a hardened criminal. He has spent long terms on the Island, where he now is again, upon the complaint of this Society; and steps have been taken to have him removed where reformation will be attempted under favorable circumstances.

DEAR FRIEND—Please allow me the familiarity of introducing myself to your notice. I am a boy, who just came from California; and is in very distressing circumstances, I came, from said place, to find my parent's. I got run over was two year's, and a half, in the hospital, and am lame for life, I have no home, no friend's, no money, no clothe's, in fact, I am an outcast, dirty and miserable; every-body uses me terrible. I am looking for work. May God Bless the one forever that give's me work.
Your's very seriously, servant.

The writer of the next also used many signatures, and has lived a life of profligacy for years. She usually enclosed a forged rent receipt for previous month.

DEAR MADAM—I heard you were a good kind Lady to poor people, I am very poor at present Madam and my children are very sick with me and I Got no means to pay my rent, please Madam will you be so kind as to send me a little help God will reward you for it the little baby aint quite six months yet. You could send and ask the doctor Madam and he will tell you my children are bad I will need it Madam by Post to get more medicine and also the rent receipt of where I live I must leave here Thursday or Friday Morning next for not being able to pay my rent I hope Madam to hear from you before Thursday evening and when I am settled in another cheaper home I will go see you Madam. We are bad off for a few clothes and I cant go work till children are better.

The third letter is from a person whose friends in the country were able and willing to care for her, but who preferred to make her own living in New York in this manner.

DEAR SIR—I have it my present season of trouble—thought to ask you if you will not kindly accept some things I have in a store house here as security for twenty dollars—until the latter part of next month. By following the advice of one—whom you know in Wall St. matters, I am reduced from affluence—to pawning my jewelry—seal skin sacque and clothing to pay my little board expenses—for being among strangers—I am expected to meet the same promptly, altho' I owe ten dollars room rent now—and I am so worried I cannot sleep—and live in hourly dread of being spoken to about it. I have nothing more I can pawn—to tide me over—or I would not thus appeal and I will so gladly secure you for the loan. I can refer you to a member of your Exchange as to my former home position and tho' he is one—to whom—I have at times—a few years ago—let have—as high as two thousand dollars at a time to use—he is not now generous or grateful enough to extend me the temporary aid I need for a time and in my distress to raise my room rent and to keep a shelter over my head in this great city—until I can turn myself—I am thus forced to appeal to some generous stranger to kindly accept such security as I can give for twenty dollars—for say thirty days. Trusting you may be pleased to give a kindly thought to what I am so unhappy as to have to write I am, Resply, &c.

STREET BEGGARS.

As an illustration of the business-like methods adopted by many who regularly subsist on "Charity," the subjoined, reported to us by a prominent relief society, is particularly good. A visitor called at a home where assistance had been applied for; while listening to the mother's story two children came in from school, particularly well-dressed. In the presence of the visitor the mother stripped the children, and clothing them literally in rags, gave them baskets and sent them out to beg. The matter-of-fact way in which the deception was carried out, but revealed the obliviousness of the mother to her efforts to corrupt her own children, and also exhibits the guilt of those who encourage such degradation of children by responding to their appeals.

Maggie Humphrey, a child 12 years of age, has been in the habit for months of begging in down-town offices, compelled to do so by her mother. She invariably gives her address in Washington street, but a different number each time. To save the child we would advise our members to detain her if she applies to them, or give her in charge of an officer, and notify this Society.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Charity Organization Wood Yard, situated S. W. cor. Ave. B and 19th St., was opened on the 9th of this month, and is to be again conducted **EXCLUSIVELY AS A LABOR TEST.** Twelve tickets will be sold to anyone for one dollar, each entitling the bearer to 50 cents upon the completion of a suitable amount of work. These tickets can be obtained at the Central Office, or from the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Yardley, at the wood yard. The wood is offered to members and the public at market rates, (\$4.00 per load of $\frac{1}{2}$ cord, including putting in,) and those who buy it enable the Society to test applicants who apply for relief. Efforts will be made to secure permanent places for men who prove to be industrious.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strives to make employment the basis of relief in every case where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever any kind of service is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX-CONVICTS—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by going with them) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for Discharged Convicts, 40 E. Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION MATRON.—A superior person for the position named may be reached by applying to the Society.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all its readers, and hopes that the Society it represents may be recognized by them as one of the elements working out the era of "peace on earth, good will to men." As the Society cannot do its full share of this beneficent work without material support, the BULLETIN earnestly hopes that it may be remembered among the benefactions of the season.

The Society can be useful at this time to any members who desire to let their happiness overflow upon the sad and helpless, and who will procure from our nearest District Agent the names of children whose Christmas and New Years will else be barren ones. Much permanent benefit may result from the personal contact brought about by donors taking such gifts themselves, instead of sending them through any society or other medium; and relations of rich moral influence, and consequences of vast importance to the poor may grow out therefrom.

The BULLETIN will count it a great privilege if it shall serve to direct any earnest spirits among its readers to truer ways and nobler views of charity.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received.....1,770	Number of Reports sent out.....421
New cases and removals.....1,029	Referred for Investigation.....218
Total Families registered.....70,031	Total No. of Reports on File.....98,266

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....910	Procured relief for.....94
Directed to the proper Charity.....183	Aided by loans.....9
False addresses.....36	Secured work for.....154
Worthy continuous relief.....34	Made self-supporting.....67
"temporary".....99	Emigrated.....17
Needing work instead of relief.....305	Families broken up.....3
Unworthy of relief.....66	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....30
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....18	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c.....137
	Friendly Visitors on duty.....146

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Ciardi,) has dealt with 79 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:

7 Begging Letter-writers.
24 Sidewalk beggars.
22 House-to-house beggars.
9 Tramps.
17 not classified.

RESIDING:

23 in cheap lodging-houses.
31 in their own homes.
12 gave false addresses.
6 non-resident.
7 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

12 helpless through infirmity.*
52, or 66 per cent., able-bodied.
4 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

2 needy and worthy.*
19 had ample means.
22 shiftless and idle.
32 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 24 warned, directed and counselled, 1 was arrested and discharged and 24 were committed for 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

Contributions, November, 1885.

Aitken, John W.....\$10 00	Kellogg, Charles.....\$5 00
Amend, B. G.....10 00	Kennedy & Co., John S.....10 00
Appleton, Miss Mary A.....10 00	Kerr, Mrs. Amelia.....15 00
Astor, John Jacob.....250 00	Ketelas, Mrs. E. M.....10 00
Auchincloss Bros.....100 00	Kingsland, A. C.....10 00
Audubon, Miss M. R.....5 00	Kingsland, Mrs. A. C.....10 00
Bachman, S.....5 00	Kneeland, Miss Adele.....10 00
Baker, Frederick.....50 00	Kuttruff, Mrs. Adolph.....10 00
Barker, Fordyce, M. D.....10 00	Ladenburg, Mrs. Adolph.....10 00
Barker, Stephen.....10 00	Ladew, Harvey S.....100 00
Barney, Chas. T.....10 00	Langdon, Woodbury G.....10 00
Barnum, Aug.....5 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.....10 00
Barton, Theodosius.....5 00	Lapham, Henry G.....50 00
Bauer, Moritz.....10 00	Lawrence, George N.....5 00
Baylis, Mrs. Wm.....10 00	Leggett, Francis H.....25 00
Berwind, Mrs. E. J.....10 00	Leggett, Mrs. Mary E.....10 00
Berwind, John E.....10 00	Leith, Mrs. Alex. J.....10 00
Blakeman, Birdseye.....10 00	Lorillard, Mrs. George L.....25 00
Bliss, George.....100 00	Marquand, Miss Mabel.....10 00
Bliss, George T.....25 00	Mathews, Albert.....10 00
Boas, E. L.....5 00	Meeker, Mrs. C. H.....10 00
Borg, Mrs. Simon.....10 00	Merrill, Charles E.....50 00
Bors, Mrs. Christian.....10 00	Merrill George.....10 00
Botwick, J. A.....250 00	Mills, Abraham.....10 00
Bowdoin, Mrs. George S.....5 00	Moore, James.....20 00
Bridgman, Henry H.....10 00	Morris, James.....5 00
Brown, Mrs. James.....25 00	Motley, Thornton N.....5 00
Bryce, Mrs. Wm.....10 00	Munroe, Miss Alice K.....10 00
Cash.....50 00	McCook, John J.....10 00
Chauncey, Elihu.....10 00	McKim, J. H.....60 00
Clark & Brother, Geo. A.....250 00	Nicol, Mrs. M. E.....10 00
Clausen & Son, H.....10 00	Olyphant, R. M.....10 00
Cock, Mrs. George E.....5 00	Paton, John.....10 00
Comstock, Miss M. L.....5 00	Phelps, Mrs. G. D.....5 00
Constant, Mrs. S. S.....10 00	Pickhardt, Mrs. Wilhelm.....10 00
Crowell, Stephen.....5 00	Popham, Mrs. S. H.....5 00
Delamater, Mrs. C. H.....10 00	Powers, Wm. P.....10 00
Dodge, Wm. E., Jr.....250 00	Practori, Rev. Cornelius.....10 00
Dodworth, Allen.....25 00	Pyle & Sons, James.....10 00
Donohue, Mrs. J.....5 00	Rogers, Archibald.....10 00
Downer, F. W.....5 00	Roosevelt, J. R.....75 00
Drummond, James F.....10 00	Rowell, George P.....10 00
Eadie, John.....5 00	Schleffelin, Richard L.....10 00
Eaton, Rev. Charles H.....5 00	Slayback, J. D.....10 00
Ehrich, J. S.....10 00	Smith, Rev. Alex. Mackay.....20 00
Emmett, B. McE.....10 00	Speyer & Co.....100 00
Faith (Pres.) Church.....10 00	Sterry, George E.....10 00
Fish, Mrs. Hamilton.....10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lispenard.....25 00
Fleischmann, Mrs. M.....10 00	Stout, Francis A.....10 00
Friend, A., thro R. M. Olyphant.....10 00	Sturges, Mrs. Jonathan.....25 00
Fulton, Mrs. Elisha M.....10 00	Tatham, Mrs. Benjamin.....10 00
Gerard, James W.....25 00	Tiffany, Mrs. C. C.....10 00
German Poliklinik.....25 00	Toffey, Anne S.....20 00
Gernsheim, Mrs. M.....10 00	VanderPoel, Dr. S. O.....25 00
Gillespie, Mrs. Geo. D. H.....5 00	Van Nest, A. T.....10 00
Grace, Mrs. M. P.....50 00	Van Rensselaer, Mrs. W. P.....25 00
Gregory, Mrs. Hester A.....10 00	Ward, Mrs. Ellen E.....100 00
Griswold, Mrs. George.....10 00	Webb, Mrs. H. Walter.....10 00
Gunther, Wm. Henry.....25 00	Wheatleigh, Mrs. Chas. W.....5 00
Halstead, Miss Laura.....20 00	Wilkes, Miss Grace.....5 00
Haydock, George G.....5 00	Wilkes, Miss H. K.....5 00
Higginson, Mrs. Marg. G.....100 00	Willets, John T.....10 00
Ireland, John B.....10 00	Willets, Robert R.....10 00
Iselin, Adrian.....100 00	Woerishoffer, Mrs. C. F.....25 00
Iselin, Neeser & Co.....25 00	Wolfe, Mrs. John.....5 00
Ivison, D. B.....50 00	Wolfe, Frederick.....5 00
Jennings, O. B.....50 00	Woodward, Baldwin & Co.....25 00

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval. N. Y. Laborers West Side Ben. Union.
Children's Lunches. N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women. Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,
Day Star Universal Relief Fund. alias Home for Children or Aged
Dr. John W. Kennon's "Christ's Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High
Cleft Mission." Bridge), or any other institution
Free Dispensary of N. Y. managed by Wm. H. Ramsar.
Hibernian Union Club. Penal Reform, Martin H. Bovee.
Hudson Benevolent Association. Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School
Institute for Children, 9 Livingston Place. Children's Benefit Soc., A.B. Clark,
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n. Manager.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres. Reform Charity Union.
Manhattan Benevolent Association. Society of Holy Innocents.
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in N. Y.) St. Stephen's Guild.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society. St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society. East 164th Street.
or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies. Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.
Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

Mr. J. S. Ehrich has resigned the Presidency of the Minerva Home for Cash Girls.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Addicks, "Col." Thomas H.
Angelo, Mary
Bachwitz or Bostworth, Louis
Connelly, Catharine
Davy or Davies, Loretta (alias)
Mary
Dicenta (alias) Degan, Mary
Gardner, A. C. and Susie
Gibbin, Mary
Higgins, Julia
Howell, Jeannie
Hubbard, Mrs. (?) Lewis

Lewis, Mrs. Marion
Long, Emma
Mahoney, Frances or Florence
Martell, Patrick and Martha
Mulgrew, James and Susan
Murphy, (alias) Tracy, Margaret
Reed, Ann
Rowan, Elizabeth
Vaughan, "Prof." or "Rev."
George
Voight, George
Werner, Max

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Bier, Mrs. Mary
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida
Britton, Mary
Butel, A. H.
Harding, Mary R.
Harris, Ann
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.
Kiely, Ann Lee
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite

Lyman, Kate
Lyon, Cornelia A.
Newers, Ann
Nicholson, John
Sheridan, Mattie
Smith, Mary Ida
Solomon, Henry
Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Williams, Mary Ann
Wilson, Jane

The pretended lamp-lighters and street-cleaners, against whom we have warned our members in past winters, are again at work, usually with written appeals. They are always out of work, with sickness or death in the family. Different names are used, and every address given, as far as reported to us, has been a false one.

A woman is going about with a forged letter signed *Lewis Hubbard*, (of a well-known town in western Massachusetts,) and representing herself as his wife. The Mr. Hubbard in question has no wife.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of November this Committee has treated 56 cases, 31 being new; it has also directed 5 others. It has procured relief for 21, placed 4 in institutions, secured permanent work for 8, and occasional work for 18, and 15 have thus been made self-supporting.

Work is wanted for several good women to do general housework by the day; also sewing. We can supply men for furnaces, and errand-boys. 2 old men for odd jobs, young girls as nurses or light work and 2 competent laundresses.

CAUTION.—A boy peddling matches and begging in this vicinity, says he is the sole support of a large family. He gives his name as Louis Bachwitz or Boshworth. The father has plenty of work and there are three working members besides in the family. Further information can be had at this office.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 636.—A young woman a foreigner, applied for advice as to how she could return home. A few months after her arrival she had been attacked with malaria, and not knowing the nature or extent to which the disease could run, thought she could rally from it in a short time. Some days sick and then a few days apparently in excellent health she kept up her spirits for a year; and after paying for medical treatment and living expenses by her trade of dressmaking she had saved enough to pay her passage to her old home. On her way to the office of the Steamship Company she was robbed of her pocketbook, which contained her all. In this strait she applied at this office. After thorough investigation her story was found to be true in every particular. Relief agencies were consulted and as the young woman was unable longer to work for her living it was thought to be the wisest charity to send her home to her family. Money was raised for her passage to Germany, and she is again amongst her friends, happy and contented, with improved health; and the burden is lifted from this community and placed where it belongs.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 83 applications during November, of whom 8 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 73 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 1, permanent work for 3, temporary work for 18, and 3 have thus been made self-supporting. 8 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Persons sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

We are grateful to friends in this District, who have aided us during November by sending to us for seamstresses, charwomen, etc., for day's work. We can still supply the demand, and have also mechanics, disabled in various ways from following their legitimate trades, who would be glad to fill situations as janitors, or take charge of furnaces for the winter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A widow with three children told a pitiful story of sorrow and poverty, which on investigation proved to be true, but all of it was the result of the woman's shiftlessness and intemperate habits. For the oldest girl (17 years) a situation was found, where, however she only remained two months. One of the younger children was seriously sick with a tedious illness, but the woman could not be persuaded to place it in a hospital, as she would have no excuse to refuse work if it was cared for. The child finally recovered, and the Committee determined to take steps to break up the family so as to remove the younger children from the pernicious influence of the mother, the oldest girl's career showing how necessary this step was. Through the co-operation of their church (R. C.) within five days of the mother's consent the little ones were placed where they will be trained in habits of temperance and industry, and now the mother and oldest daughter have no excuse for appealing to the charitably inclined.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

REV. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, PAYSON MERRILL, *Treas.*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

43 cases were treated by this Committee during November, of which 8 were new, 10 others were directed; 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 6, permanent work secured for 5, temporary work for 20, 13 were rendered self-supporting, 10 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 5 frauds were exposed, 9 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 82 consultation cases were considered.

Women for house-cleaning, washing and ironing always on hand, 2 young girls as errand girls, several seamstresses and a number of willing men for work of any kind.

NOTE.—The 8th District Committee cordially invites members of the other District Committees to attend their meetings on alternate Mondays, at 4.30 P. M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 240.—An orphan girl of 18, a stranger in the city, living with a very poor family, was desirous to support herself by work, but so destitute of necessary clothing as to be rejected wherever she applied. A friend of the Society was found to provide suitable clothing, a motherly elderly lady was induced to take the girl into her service at fair wages, and, what was much better, knowing much of her history, to act the part of friend and advisor, creating a permanent and excellent home.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 5.—Intemperate widow, but hard working when sober, had five children, three of whom were taken from her by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and placed in the Juvenile Asylum. The mother soon after obtained their release and for a while seemed inclined to do better. The oldest girl was placed at service, receiving \$8 per month, but it was soon found that she wasted all her wages. A position was found for the oldest boy, but the same thing happened here; and he soon lost his place on account of his ill manners. At school the younger children are noted for their disorderly conduct. We have not been able to find a visitor who will take the case in hand and hold on simply for the children's sake; as the mother is untruthful, and seldom to be found at home except evenings, when lady visitors cannot well call. The rooms are squalid, the mother generally under the influence of liquor, but the state of things does not quite warrant the breaking up of the family. What resident of the district will volunteer to be a friendly visitor to this case? It is a specimen case of a number needing the "alms of good advice," and the steady moral pressure of benevolent wisdom.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during November 27 cases, and directed 5 others. Of the 27, 3 were found worthy of continuous relief, 2 of temporary relief, 13 needing work rather than relief, and 3 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 1 fraud was exposed. Relief was procured for 3, permanent work for 2, and temporary work for 1.

Work is wanted for 5 men, and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing or scrubbing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Early in November a case was referred to this Office for investigation. A young man, who had received a good education and was likewise a graduate of a medical college. He claimed to be destitute of food, friends, influence, of everything. He was estranged from his family, and in desperation his life seemed to him hardly worth living. On investigation, the truth of this young man's story became apparent. One of the Committee, acting as Friendly Visitor, became interested in him, the rent for an office was advanced, furniture was secured, medical men interested, the mother reconciled, and the young physician is now placed in such a position that he can face the future with excellent hope of success. Already patients have come to him, and his practice is increasing so fast that it is thought he will soon be quite self-supporting.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During November 44 cases have been treated, 9 being new, 12 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 5, regular work was secured for 8, temporary work for 9, and 1 was emigrated where could be self-supporting.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, laborers, or coachmen.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 77.—Husband, wife and three children for want of work were brought to the last extremity, and the rent overdue. A relief Society promptly gave needed aid. By the energy of a visitor, temporary work was procured from several families, while communication was opened with those who knew them in a distant town where it was ascertained he could find work. A small loan enabled them to redeem needed things from pawn and pay their transportation. A good situation awaited the husband, and comparative comfort was at once found.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 222.—Sometime ago application was made by a skilled mechanic, a stranger in New York (just recovering from a three months sickness) for help, on visitation it was found that the family was utterly destitute; no fire and no food. Besides the husband, there was the wife and three little ones; a baby three months, and the others but two and four years old. Kind friends at once changed the aspect. The cheering word of encouragement from a judicious and kindly visitor who took the case in hand revived their hopes. A few necessary things were procured for the mother and babe, while the husband furnished with the loan of a shovel, took his chances at odd jobs. After a short time of trial, work was obtained at his trade, and the regular and constant employment at \$16 a week, soon drove the wolf from the door and secured them the comfort to which they had long been strangers. The husbands words to the Agent were, "had you not come as you did and given us your kind sympathy and aid, we must have perished."

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During November this Committee treated 31 cases, and directed 6 others to the proper source of help. Work was procured for 3, relief was procured for 3, and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 136.—An intelligent educated middle-aged woman, a widow without children, had been out of employment for several months; had tramped the streets of New York asking for work, had answered innumerable advertisements, all without success. Her little stock of money meanwhile dwindling down every day, at last placed herself under the care of this Committee, with the express desire of being helped to go to Chicago, where a friend had written, offering her the shelter of a home and help to obtain employment. The Committee applied to her church with which she was in good standing, and through their intercession she was at once helped to her desired destination, where she could get the work she could not procure in over-crowded New York City.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of November 41 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 16 were new, and 11 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 9, 1 was placed in a hospital; work secured for 12, 5 were rendered self-supporting, and 8 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 4 families and 7 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for janitors, watchmen, &c.; also for a woman to do washing and ironing, and plain sewing, and 1 woman as clerk or cashier.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 619.—The Committee recently received a personal application from a poor woman, whose husband had gone to Boston to look for work; leaving her and two young and dependent children behind with all the money he could spare, reserving only enough to pay the expenses of his journey. To make matters worse the woman's father and brother lived with her and both had been out of work some time. Not finding work in Boston as soon as he anticipated, the husband was obliged to impose on the hospitality of friends there, almost as poor as himself, and was unable to send any funds to his family. When the woman applied for aid her means were almost exhausted and no way of replenishing them was visible to her. Upon examination the case was shown to be deserving and there appeared no record that application for aid had ever been made before. The woman's father and brother were well recommended by previous employers. Our Agent was fortunately able to secure them both considerable temporary work soon enough to prevent the family from suffering, and which lasted until the father secured permanent work for himself at his trade. The Agent also found permanent work for the son. The family was thus made able to bridge over their difficulties without having their names appear upon the rolls of any relief society or having been tempted to dependence.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROB'T W. DEFORD, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

148 cases have been cared for during November, 3 of which were new, and 86 others have been directed. 8 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 11, permanent work was secured for 15, occasional work for 20, 15 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 3 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 1112.—A family of four Americans, the wife 23 years old, with young infant and child of two years, applied to be sent to some institution for the winter as her husband could get no work. She was willing to work and had been a general house servant, but the rent was in arrears, ejection threatened, and no time was to be lost. The husband being interviewed had no references, and claimed to have forgotten where he worked last. The necessity of efforts on his part to keep his children out of institutions was urged upon him, but without effect, he insisting that institutions were for women and children, and that if agent would not give him a letter he would find some one that would. He was offered work in the Wood Yard, which he flatly refused, as he said he did not believe in working for so little, while fat corporations enjoyed the benefit. Offered the wife work, occupying only part of her time, but the husband would not hear of it as the pay did not seem sufficient. It was then suggested that he had better allow his children to be sent West, but he declined parting with them, still persisting in his original plan of having support from the public. After considering the matter it was deemed best to notify the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections, asking that the man be compelled to aid in supporting his family, he being able-bodied, and only 25 years of age.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 76 cases taken up during November, 28 being new, also 15 families, and 20 homeless persons directed, 1 was placed in a hospital, relief was procured for 7, 1 was aided by loan, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 5, 3 were made self-supporting, and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); women for day work, laundresses, seamstresses, 3 excellent women as janitresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse; 1 excellent German girl to take charge of young children, can teach music; 2 copyists.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 830.—A widow, who at one time made a comfortable living for herself and two children by sewing, was obliged to discontinue on account of failing eye-sight. She secured employment at segar stripping, but, unused to the work, her earnings were not over \$3 weekly. Unable to pay the month's rent, she had to sell her furniture and to hire one small furnished room. The little family was in a most destitute condition when brought to our notice. The case was placed in the care of a friendly visitor, who, having secured a sufficient loan to pay a month's rent, superintended their removal from their wretched room to better apartments, arranged for the necessary furniture and once more placed them in what might be called a home. After some efforts, the visitor found light work for the woman in a restaurant, where, besides board for herself and one child, she receives sufficient wages to keep them above want. The woman is repaying the loan at the rate of 50c. per week. Our visitor feels rewarded by the knowledge that she has helped to raise another family from wretched poverty into happy independence. Our visitors are all too few. Such cases are coming up constantly and many of them must be left to suffer for the want of the kindly hand and the thoughtful heart of the earnest friendly visitor, unless more will offer to befriend them.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During November 361 cases were dealt with, 123 of which were new. Relief was procured for 18, temporary work was secured for 3.

CARPET WEAVING.—A worthy young man has been started in the business of carpet-weaving through a loan made from this office. Parties supplying their own carpet rags, (cut and sewen) can have their work done at the rate of 25c. per yard, the weaver supplying good cotton warp, which is said to wear better than linen. Two lbs. of rags will give 1 yard of carpet. Orders may be sent to this office.

PIANO SECURED.—The piano asked for to enable a young girl to help support her mother and two other children, has been obtained through the kindness of one of our members, and thus our present need in this line is supplied.

POOR SAILOR.—Late last spring a bright young man, dressed in sailor's costume, called at the Central Office asking for books and magazines for the crew of the schooner, "Katie Collins," about to sail for the West Indies; and a package of books was procured for him. In making his selection he showed so quick an appreciation of commercial values, and his conflicting stories were told in such a nervous, hurried manner, that some suspicion was aroused. He said "the crew enjoyed reading, and listening to it, and that when they return to port they give the old books to out-going vessels, and needed a new supply." He left, promising parrots and corals to the ladies whom "God had inspired to befriend the poor sailor." Subsequent inquiry elicited the reply (from her former owners) that the "Katie Collins" was lost at sea two years ago with all on board.

After three months the man again called and by way of introduction presented to the lady in charge, nine fine pearl buttons calling them "valuable cats eyes" that he had polished during the return voyage, and gave them as a token of regard for past favors. He now asked for more books for the crew of schooner "Katie Collins," about to sail for the West Indies. He was allowed to make a selection, blessings were invoked upon the agent, and parrots were again promised. The man and bundle left, closely followed by our out-door officer for four hours, during which time he enlarged the variety of his stock by visits to down-town shops, and begging *Police Gazette's* and much other vicious reading, and also patronized sundry liquor shops. Then commencing to board vessels to sell his wares; the "poor sailor" was arrested for obtaining goods under false pretenses; he was able to pay a lawyer to defend him but to no avail; he was sentenced to 50 days in jail or \$50 fine.

He has for two years at least, been defrauding libraries and other institutions here and elsewhere, under several aliases, and has done a profitable trade by his ingenious methods.

BECCING LETTER-WRITERS.

We give below specimens of the gas or lamp-lighters letters. Although appearing at intervals the stories are always the same. In every case the address given has proved to be a false one:

DEAR MADAME—I am ——— who was gas lighter in this street for 7 years. Lady, I am this morning after laving the Eye and Ear infirmity, where I have been since ———. I have been looking for something to do, and I am now wet to the skin. I call to see if you would be so kind as to assist me to go to Patterson, N. J. My wife and children are there and employment is also a waiting me as soon as I get there. I trust, kind lady, that you will not see me suffer, and you will be the manes of relieving my little family from suffering, and my wife and I will ever feel thankful to you. Your obediend Servant.

LADY—I am ——— the street Lamplighter. My 2nd child is dead to-day with diphtheria, both died within the last 3 weeks, and my wife is sick with me to. I am without mains at present to bury my child. I called on several of your Neighbours, Ladies that I have heard people speak very highly of and they acted very kind to me in my trouble. Most, Respt., Lady,
I am your humble servant, ———, Lamplighter.

STREET BECCARS.

Case 1,049. A gentleman called at the Office, and repeated a pitiful story of suffering and starvation as told to him upon the street by a man. If case was worthy he would be willing to help liberally. It was found that the whole story was untrue. The family had lived in comfort, but in almost constant drunkenness, by begging. Being put out from house and house on account of drunkenness. Still dissolute as they had proven to be, for months they had been cared for, and kept idle, by those who indiscriminately give alms. Steps have been taken to prosecute these frauds.

No. 294. An Irish widow, aged 65 years, begging on 14th St., in front of the Morton House. She has told the story of a sick daughter at home, etc., for years. Upon investigation, the daughter, a woman of 40, was found well and strong, eating nuts and drinking beer. She admitted that her mother supported her. The mother while being taken to the court resisted arrest, and had to be conveyed in a wagon. She was committed to the Island for three months.

Benjamin Franklin, who was run over while drunk some years since, and thereby lost an arm, was begging under the pretence that he lost the limb while a soldier under General Grant. When taken to court the judge discovered that something bulky was stowed away under his coat, and asked what it was. "A Bible, sir," he replied. "Take it out, I want to see it," said the judge. While giving a sentimental reason for not displaying a sacred relic in the court room, the police sergeant opened the man's coat and disclosed a tomato can, fragrant with stale beer. Committed by Justice Gorman for six months to the workhouse.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Charity Organization Wood Yard, situated S. W. cor. Ave. B and 19th St., was opened on the 9th of November, and is to be again conducted **EXCLUSIVELY AS A LABOR TEST**. Twelve tickets will be sold to anyone for one dollar, each entitling the bearer to 50 cents upon the completion of a suitable amount of work. These tickets can be obtained at the Central Office, or from the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Yardley, at the wood yard. The wood is offered to members and the public at market rates, (\$4.00 per load of $\frac{1}{2}$ cord, including putting in,) and those who buy it enable the Society to test applicants who apply for relief. Efforts will be made to secure permanent places for men who prove to be industrious.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

EX-CONVICTS—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by going with them) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for Discharged Convicts, 40 E. Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION MATRON.—A superior person for the position named may be reached by applying to the Society.